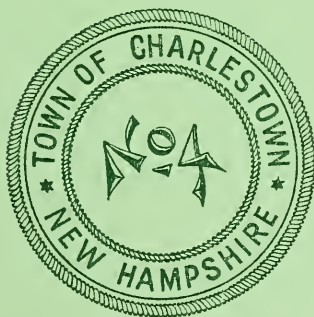


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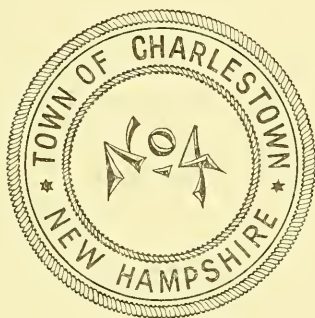
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CHARLESTOWN, N. H.



FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Bring Your Town Report to Town Meeting, Tuesday
March 9, 1954

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TOWN OFFICERS - 1953

Donald G. Harrington	Moderator
William S. Fairbanks	Town Clerk
William Miller	Treasurer
J. Frank Frohock, term expires 1954	Selectman
Alice E. Adams, term expires 1955	Selectman
Walter H. Palmer, term expires 1956	Selectman
Oscar F. Adams	Overseer of Poor
John W. Morris	Road Agent
Walter G. Smith, Jr.	Tax Collector
Eleanor C. Brown	Auditor
Alta G. Currier	Auditor
Charles F. Elliott	Auditor
Ralph A. Willoughby	Chief of Police
Louis L. Comstock	Health Officer
Earl P. Putnam, term expires 1954	Supt. Water Comm.
David V. Cahalane, term expires 1955	Coll. Water Comm.
Oscar C. Young, term expires 1956 (deceased)	
	Treas. Water Comm.
Rolfe L. Jacobs, appointed until March 1954, Treas. Water Comm.	
Earl P. Putnam (appointed)	Supt. Sewer Dept.
M. Loraine Child	Supervisor
Lora L. Spooner	Supervisor
Edna A. Farrell	Supervisor
Anne Worthley, term expires 1954	School Board
Dana E. Olden, term expires 1955	School Board
Montford H. Sayce, term expires 1956	School Board
Ralph H. Meacham	Supt. of Schools
Fred H. Perry, term expires 1954	Trustee Trust Funds
Lovell E. Comstock, term expires 1955	Trustee Trust Funds
Gladys L. Adams, term expires 1956	Trustee Trust Funds
Leona E. Fisk, term expires 1954	Library Trustee
Christian A. Rist, term expires 1954	Library Trustee
Archibald H. Sayce, term expires 1955	Library Trustee
Isabel T. Palmer, term expires 1955	Library Trustee
Martha MacD. Frizzell, term expires 1956	Library Trustee
E. Peckham Barber, term expires 1956	Library Trustee
Richard H. Perry	Justice Municipal Court
Charles A. Smith	Asst. Justice Municipal Court
D. Howard Stearns	Chief Fire Department

TOWN WARRANT, 1953

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Charlestown on Tuesday the tenth (10th) day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose the necessary town officers for their respective terms.

Tabulation of Voting

Total ballots cast: 279; Republican, 153; Democrat, 18; Split, 107; Blank, 1.

Town Clerk—William S. Fairbanks	270
Selectman, 3 years—Walter H. Palmer	262
Treasurer—William Miller	263
Overseer of Poor—Oscar F. Adams	262
Tax Collector—Walter G. Smith, Jr.	219
Louis L. Comstock	55
Chief Engineer—D. Howard Stearns	265
Water Commissioner, 1 year—Earl P. Putnam	237
Water Commissioner, 3 years—Oscar C. Young	254
Auditors—Charles F. Elliott	263
Alta G. Currier	258
Eleanor C. Brown	257
Alexander A. MacCormick	26
Library Trustee, 1 year—Christian A. Rist	250
Library Trustee, 3 years—E. Peckham Barber	261
Martha MacD. Frizzell	256
Trustee Trust Funds, 3 years—Gladys L. Adams	264

Article 2. To consider the budget. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of the poor, laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges, street lighting and for the necessary charges arising within the town.

Current Maintenance Expenses

	Approps. Previous Year 1952	Actual Exp'tures Previous Year 1952	Estimated Exp'tures Ensuing Year 1953
General Government:			
Town officer's salaries	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,289.00	\$ 3,350.00
Town officers' expenses	1,400.00	1,581.07	1,500.00
Election and registration exp.	600.00	651.25	500.00
Municipal court expenses	250.00	303.00	350.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	4,500.00	4,809.72	2,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	2,300.00	2,200.36	2,300.00
Fire department	4,600.00	4,926.27	3,200.00
Moth extermination, blister rust	400.00	400.00	400.00
Social Security	400.00		
Care of trees	1,000.00	700.62	1,000.00
Health:			
Health Dept., incl. hospitals	100.00	48.25	100.00
Vital Statistics	140.00	97.00	125.00
Town dump	400.00	302.00	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance	22,500.00	27,212.59	22,500.00
Street lighting	2,800.00	2,748.00	3,000.00
General exp. hwy. dept., tar	4,500.00	2,532.60	4,500.00
Town road aid	768.35	768.35	786.20
Libraries	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	4,000.00	3,880.82	4,000.00
Old age assistance	4,700.00	4,678.38	4,700.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Asso.	100.00	98.64	100.00
Soldiers' Memorial	1,500.00		
Recreation:			
Parks and playground, incl. band concerts	1,000.00	1,115.22	1,000.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Micro filming	200.00	116.84	
Cemeteries	1,700.00	1,173.29	1,700.00
Town clock	70.00	84.80	150.00

Unclassified:			
Damages and legal exp., incl.			
dog damage	300.00	333.05	300.00
Advertising and regional asso.	50.00		50.00
Old Home Day	100.00	100.00	100.00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	650.00	646.88	650.00
On long term notes and bonds	320.00	302.89	220.00
Outlay for new construction			
and Perm. Improvements:			
Sewer construction	400.00	10.00	
New equipment	2,000.00	1,645.00	
Indebtedness:			
Payment on principal debt:			
Long term notes	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Payments to other			
Governmental Divisions:			
County tax	12,443.19	12,443.19	14,000.00
School taxes	102,962.00	89,189.97	105,067.10
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Total expenditures	\$188,503.54	\$174,389.65	\$184,548.30

Resolved, to adopt the article, with the exception of schools and other fixed items, with the exception that the Secretary of Trust Funds salary be increased to \$150.00 per year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to allow the selectmen to deliver the inventory blanks at the time of taking inventory.

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow on notes on the credit of the town, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Resolved, unanimously, to adopt the article.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in respect to appointing three members of the Finance committee for the ensuing three years.

Resolved, to elect the following three members to serve on the Finance committee for the ensuing three years: Christian A. Rist, Merton L. Bascom, Theodore Frizzell.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to accept all trust funds received for perpetual care of lots in the cemeteries.

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to trade in the presently owned payloader for \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of a new H. M. Hough payloader, and to vote to raise and appropriate \$6,720.00 to pay the balance.

Resolved, that the selectmen trade in the present Hough payloader for \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of a new Hough payloader, and that the balance of \$6,720.00 be provided for in the following manner:

1. \$1,720 to be taken from the highway budget of this current year.

2. That the selectmen be authorized to borrow \$5,000.00 on notes of the town, to be repaid \$2,500.00 in 1954 and \$2,500.00 in 1955.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 to purchase a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup truck for the highway department.

Resolved, to dismiss the article.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to repair and redecorate the Lower town hall.

Resolved, that the article be adopted with the amendment that \$500.00 be appropriated instead of \$1,000.00.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to publish a new history of the Town of Charlestown as recommended by the history committee. (Requested by the committee.)

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 in 1953 and authorize the selectmen to borrow \$4,000.00 when needed to establish a fund for paying the cost of publication of the new history, the debt to be retired with funds realized from the sale of the history. (Requested by the committee.)

Resolved, to adopt the article, reworded as follows:

1. The selectmen be authorized to borrow on the credit of the town up to \$5,000.00 when needed to establish a fund for paying the cost of publication of the history.

2. The indebtedness to be paid off within five years.

3. The income from the sale of the history to accrue to the town.

4. The sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for use of the history committee in preparing the history for publication.

5. The present history committee be authorized to continue to the completion of the project and to call upon as many others as may be needed for the task.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for a professional survey of the town water and sewer systems. (Request by the Town Development Committee.)

Resolved, to dismiss the article.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to install a street light on Arbor Lane, so called, in the town proper, and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request.)

Resolved, to accept the article with the following amendment: "that the town pay for the light if the Hoyt Fund will not do so."

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to allow all employees of the Charlestown Highway Department, who have worked for the department continually for at least a year, to have a week's vacation with pay.

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise the Water Collector's salary to \$200.00 and the Water Superintendent's salary to \$110.00 per year.

Resolved, to adopt the article with the following amendment: "said sums to be paid from the earnings of the Water Department."

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$544.50 to install a two way radio in the car of the Police Chief. (By request.)

Article withdrawn by Chief Wiloughby. The following amendment substituted and accepted: "That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to study the problems of police protection in Charlestown, and report to the 1954 town meeting with their recommendations."

Following is the committee appointed by the Moderator: Ralph Weeks, Sidney E. Langdon, Walter O. O'Hearne.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to accept roadways on the Crown Point Heights development. (By request.)

Resolved, to accept the article.

Article 18. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and the Water Commissioners to sell the mature timber on the east side of Hall's Pond.

Resolved, to dismiss the article.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to put up for competitive bids all supplies and equipment to be purchased by the town. (By petition.)

Resolved, to dismiss the article by counted standing vote. For dismissal 63; opposed 23.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to allow the Collector of Taxes additional compensation for his services in collecting the state head tax and to fix the amount thereof.

Resolved, to dismiss the article.

Article 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to Cummings Avenue swamp.

Resolved, that a committee of two be appointed by the Moderator to act with the selectmen (making a committee of five) to investigate the Cummings Ave. swamp and report at the next town meeting. The following committee of two was appointed by the Moderator: Arthur Streeter, Louis Comstock.

Article 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Resolved, that in the future the current year's warrant be reprinted in the Town Report with the result of action taken on each article.

Resolved, that the selectmen keep a separate account of repairs and parts of the payloader and publish same in the town reports.

Resolved, that the selectmen be paid 5c per name for preparing the State Head Tax Warrant.

The following committee members were elected:

Road Advisory Committee for 1 year—John T. Lyon.

Road Advisory Committee for 5 years—Curtis Blaine.

Town Improvement Committee for 3 years—Theodore Frizzell.

Town Improvement Committee for 3 years—Ernest F. Hennis.

After the ballots were counted the meeting was adjourned at 8.11.55 p. m.

A true copy, attest

WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS,
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Charlestown on Tuesday, the ninth (9th) day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose the necessary town officers for their respective terms.

Art. 2. To consider the budget. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of the poor, laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges, street lighting and for the necessary charges arising within the town.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to allow the selectmen to deliver the inventory blanks at the time of taking inventory.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow on notes on the credit of the town, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take in respect to appointing three members of the finance committee for the ensuing three years.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to accept all trust funds received for perpetual care of lots in the cemeteries.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$2,300.00 for the use of the water department to pay outstanding liabilities incurred by new developments and replacing of old portions of the system, the above to be repaid out of earnings at the rate of \$250.00 per year, plus interest, beginning 1955. (Requested by the Water Commission).

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,200.00 for the purpose of making a survey and bringing up to date such maps as are in existence, showing the water distribution system and the sewerage collection system. (Requested by the Water Commission).

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the development of the new cemetery. (Requested by the Improvement Committee).

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to buy a lot of land now owned by Julian Harvey, adjacent to the road now leading into Snumshire Cemetery lot, for the purpose of straightening

the road, provided that the lot now occupied by the road can be sold for enough to cover the cost of the new lot. (By request).

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 to be used to control gypsy moths if a serious infestation develops. This money will be borrowed and control work undertaken only if a majority of the Selectmen and Finance Committee members decide that it is necessary.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to install a street light on Marcy Avenue, between Springfield Road and Walter Sherman, and appropriate money for this purpose. (By petition).

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to install a street light near the residence of Frank Horton and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request).

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to install a street light near the residence of Arthur Moore and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request).

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to install a street light on School Street at the entrance of Arbor Way and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request).

Art. 16. To see if the town is in favor of major improvements being made to the Town Swimming Pool, these improvements to be made under the supervision of the Selectmen and at no cost to the town.

Art. 17. To see if the town will instruct the Town Development Committee to make a study of the suggestion of the Town Manager Committee in its report to the 1952 Town Meeting that "at some future time the voters seriously consider electing one person to serve as tax, water and sewer collector, town clerk, and assistant to the selectmen", and offer specific recommendations to the next annual meeting.

Art. 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth (20th) day of February, in the year of our Lord 1954.

J. FRANK FROHOCK
ALICE E. ADAMS
WALTER H. PALMER

Selectmen of Charlestown

A true copy of warrant — attest

J. FRANK FROHOCK
ALICE E. ADAMS
WALTER H. PALMER

Selectmen of Charlestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Sources of Revenue

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax \$	1,584.90	\$ 1,584.90	\$ 1,500.00
Railroad tax	3,400.00	3,448.14	3,400.00
Savings bank tax	300.00	378.85	300.00
Reimbursement acct. state and federal forest lands	158.14		142.30
Reimbursement acct. exemption of growing wood and timber	2,593.89	3,557.24	1,700.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	600.00	683.60	600.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	100.00	6.00	10.00
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	397.50		100.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	1,000.00	1,147.50	500.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	500.00	664.47	500.00
Income of departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equip.	2,500.00	3,372.46	2,800.00
Fires		872.59	

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Purposes of Expenditures

	Approps. Previous Year 1953	Actual Exp'tures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Exp'tures Ensuing Year 1954
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 3,477.00	\$ 3,500.00
Town officers' expenses	1,500.00	1,962.02	1,550.00
Election and registration exp.	500.00	329.75	650.00
Municipal court expenses	350.00	300.00	350.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	3,000.00	2,786.86	3,100.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	2,300.00	2,292.89	2,300.00
Fire department	3,200.00	3,989.18	3,500.00
Moth. extermination—blister rust and care of trees	1,400.00	1,490.68	2,000.00
Health:			
Health dept., incl. hospitals	100.00	54.10	100.00
Vital statistics	125.00	74.50	100.00
Town dump	400.00	301.52	600.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance—summer and winter	20,780.00	27,923.75	25,000.00
Street lighting	3,000.00	2,788.86	3,000.00
General exp. of highway dept.	4,500.00	6,000.00	4,500.00
Town road aid	786.20	786.20	798.54
Libraries:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	4,000.00	3,812.10	4,000.00

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(Sources of Revenue—Continued)

Motor vehicle permit fees	7,500.00	9,836.32	7,500.00
Sale of town property		1,800.00	
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2	1,900.00	2,203.28	1,800.00
National bank stock taxes	112.00	112.00	111.00
Total Revenues from All Sources, except property taxes	\$ 22,646.43	\$ 29,667.35	\$ 20,963.30
Amt. to be raised by property taxes			\$181,814.85
Total Revenues			\$202,778.15

Assessed valuation previous year	\$2,860,254.00
Estimated assessed valuation for 1953	2,860,254.00
Amount required by budget	181,814.85
Tax rate ensuing year per \$100.00 valuation	6.36

Every appropriation of \$1,000.00 in addition to this budget will raise the tax rate \$.04 per \$100.00 valuation.

Ralph K. Weeks, Chairman	Christian Rist
Orborne W. Stevens	Anne Worthley, Chairman
Merton L. Bascom	of School Board
John H. Ahern	Montford Sayce
James B. Hogan	J. Frank Frohock
Verne D. Bradish	Alice E. Adams
Theodore J. Frizzell	Walter H. Palmer

(Purposes of Expenditures—Continued)

Old age assistance	4,700.00	3,738.09	4,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day	100.00	98.49	100.00
Old Home Day	100.00		100.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playground	1,000.00	688.60	1,000.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	1,700.00	1,750.91	1,700.00
Town clock	150.00	104.50	125.00
Town history	200.00		
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal exp., incl. dog damage	300.00	224.72	300.00
Advertising and regional associations	50.00	100.00	50.00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	600.00	645.00	650.00
On long term notes and bonds	270.00	266.41	180.00
Highways and Bridges:			
New equipment			3,500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long term notes	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
Payments to Other Govern- mental Divisions:			
County taxes	12,396.36	12,396.36	12,400.00
School taxes	97,800.04	97,386.71	116,424.61
Total expenditures	<u>\$174,732.60</u>	<u>\$181,769.20</u>	<u>\$202,778.15</u>

INVENTORY, 1953

Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	\$1,855,435
Electric plants 5	524,252
Horses 29	1,625
Cows 696	72,140
Other neat stock 147	9,555
Sheep and goats 47	485
Fowls 11,225	16,675
Portable mills 2	2,200
Gasoline pumps and tanks 32	5,050
Stock in trade	99,042
Mills and machinery	128,575
Toll bridges 1	250,000
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Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	\$2,966,254
Less soldiers' exemptions	106,000
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Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$2,860,254
Tax rate \$5.40.	

APPROPRIATED FOR 1953

The town voted at the annual meeting March 10th, 1953, to raise the following sums:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,425.00
Town officers' expenses	1,500.00
Election and registration expenses	500.00
Municipal court expenses	350.00
Town hall and buildings	3,000.00
Police department	2,300.00
Fire department	3,200.00
Blister rust	400.00
Health department	100.00
Vital Statistics	125.00
Town road aid	786.20
Town maintenance	20,780.00
Surface treatment	4,500.00
Care of trees	1,000.00
Town clock	150.00
Street lighting	3,000.00

Libraries	1,000.00
Old age assistance	4,700.00
Town poor	4,000.00
Memorial Day, Old Home Day	200.00
Swimming pool	1,000.00
Cemeteries	1,700.00
Damages and legal expenses	300.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	50.00
Payments on principal of debt	5,870.00
School tax	97,800.04
County tax	12,396.36
Town dump	400.00
Town history	200.00
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	\$174,732.60
Less poll taxes and estimated revenue and credits	22,776.43
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	\$151,956.17
Selectmen added (overlay)	2,330.90
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Property taxes committed to collector	\$154,287.07
Added taxes	280.80
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	\$154,567.87

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town officers' salaries	\$ 3425 00		\$ 3425 00	\$ 3477 00		\$ 52 00
Town officers' expenses	1500 00		1500 00	1962 02		462 02
Election and registration	500 00		500 00	329 75	\$ 170 25	
Municipal court	350 00		350 00	300 00	50 00	
Town hall and building maintenance	3000 00	\$ 674 50	3674 50	2786 86	887 64	
Police department	2300 00		2300 00	2292 89	7 11	
Fire department	3200 00	872 59	4072 59	4139 18		66 59
Blister rust	400 00		400 00	400 00		
Health department	100 00		100 00	54 10	45 90	
Town dump	400 00		400 00	301 52	98 48	
Vital statistics	125 00		125 00	74 50	50 50	
Town road aid	786 20		786 20	786 20		
Town maintenance	20780 00	3372 46	24152 46	27923 75		3771 29
General expenses of highway dept.	4500 00	1500 00	6000 00	6000 00		
Care of trees	1000 00	28 50	1028 50	1097 03		68 53

Town clock	150 00	150 00	104 50	45 50	
Street lighting	3000 00	3000 00	2788 86	211 14	
Libraries	1000 00	1000 00	1000 00		
Old age assistance	4700 00	4724 30	3738 09	986 21	
Town poor	4000 00	4000 00	3812 10	187 90	
Memorial Day	100 00	100 00	98 49	1 51	
Old Home Day	100 00	100 00		100 00	
Parks and playground (pool)	1000 00	1000 00	688 60	311 40	50 91
Cemeteries	1700 00	1700 00	1750 91		
Damages and legal exp., dog damage	300 00	300 00	173 10	126 90	
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Assoc.	50 00	50 00	50 00		41 41
Interest	870 00	870 00	911 41		
County tax	12396 36	12396 36	12396 36		
Payments on debts (principal)	5000 00	5000 00	5000 00		
Totals	\$76732 56	\$83204 91	\$84437 22	\$ 3280 44	\$ 4512 75
Net overdraft of appropriations				\$ 1232 31	
				\$ 4512 75	\$ 4512 75

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT — TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

December 31, 1953

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

Due	Water System—1952 Serial Notes—1½ % First National Bank, Springfield, Vt. Orig. Amt.\$4800.00	Frank W. Horne & Co. 1951 Notes at 2 % Fire Truck Orig. Amt. \$12,000.00	Road Equipment Notes at 1½ % First National Bank, Springfield, Vt. Orig. Amt. \$5,000.00	Total
1954	\$ 800 00	\$3000 00	\$2500 00	\$ 6300 00
1955	800 00	3000 00	2500 00	6300 00
1956	800 00			800 00
1957	800 00			800 00
	\$3200 00	\$6000 00	\$5000 00	\$14200 00

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF
CHARLESTOWN

— in —

SULLIVAN COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ended
DECEMBER 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 15, 1954.

J. FRANK FROHOCK
ALICE E. ADAMS
WALTER H. PALMER
Selectmen

WILLIAM MILLER
Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash	
Highway acct. balance	\$ 165 50
In hands of treasurer	44958 02
In hands of officials, Sewer department	2647 62
Treasurer, Water Commission	1388 51
Accounts Due to the Town	
Due from State:	
Bounties, 1953	51 00
Tax on state forest	142 30
Municipal court	542 50
Water and Sewer departments, insurance	112 40
Water department, notes	3445 62
Town hall rents	73 00
Highway department service	508 33
Sewer, rentals \$276.00; water department, \$1,690.82	1966 82
Sewer connections	218 32
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(From tax sale on acct. of)	
Levy of 1952	1346 36
Levy of 1951	620 70
Previous years	449 08
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	17117 82
Levy of 1952	20 00
Levy of 1951	36 90
State head taxes—levy of 1953	1283 50
Total assets	\$ 77094 30
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	1665 93
Grand Total	\$ 78760 23
Surplus, December 31, 1952	2246 75
Net debt, December 31, 1953	1665 93

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Unexpended balances of special appropriations:	
Social Security, \$400.00; swamp pro., \$390.00	\$ 790 00
Veterans' Memorial	1500 00
Parks and playgrounds (pool)	311 40
Town hall	500 00
Town history	200 00
Old Home Day	100 00

Due to State:	
State head taxes—1953	
(Uncollected \$1130.00) (Collected—not remitted to State Treasurer \$153.50)	1283 50
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of appropriation 1953-54	59875 33
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
F. W. Horne, fire truck notes	6000 00
First National Bank, Springfield, payloader note	5000 00
First National Bank, Springfield, water dept. notes	3200 00
Total Liabilities	\$ 78760 23
Grand Total	\$ 78760 23

Receipts

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes: (Collected and re- mitted to treasurer)	
Property taxes, current year, 1953	\$138108 30
Poll taxes, current year, regular @ \$2, 1953	1832 00
National Bank stock taxes, 1953	111 00
Yield taxes, 1953	533 42
State head taxes, 1953, town share	261 54
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted	\$140846 26
Property taxes and yield taxes, previous years	18589 90
Poll taxes, previous years, regular @ \$2	306 00
Interest received on taxes	707 22
Tax sales redeemed	1418 23
From State:	
For highways and bridges:	
For town road aid	4507 05
Interest and dividend tax	1584 90
Railroad tax	3448 14
Savings Bank tax and Building & Loan Association tax	378 85
Reimbursement acct. exemption of growing wood and timber	3557 24
Bounties (1951, \$21.50) (1952, \$13.00)	34 50
Reimbursement acct. old age assistance	23 40
From Local Sources, except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	683 60
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	6 00
Fines and forfeits, municipal court, 1952	397 50
Rent of town property	1237 50

Income from departments	3372 46
Fires	872 59
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits	9836 32

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	70000 00
Long term notes during year	5000 00
Refunds	79 91
Burial lot	51 91
Sale of town property	1800 00
Tree spraying	28 50
Old typewriter	10 00
Two maps	2 00
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	<hr/> \$ 76972 32
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$268779 98
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	40934 72
Grand Total	<hr/> \$309714 70

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3477 00
Town officers' expenses	1962 02
Election and registration expenses	329 75
Municipal court expenses	300 00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2786 86

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	2292 89
Fire department, incl. forest fires	3989 18
Moth extermination, blister rust and care of trees	1497 03
Bounties	51 00
Tax lien	138 42
Sewer and water (insurance)	112 40

Health:

Health department, inc. hospitals	54 10
Vital statistics	74 50
Town dump, and garbage removal	301 52

Highways and Bridges:		
T. R. A. advance payment	4507	15
Town road aid	786	20
Town maintenance (summer \$13,969.78)		
(winter \$13,953.97)	27923	75
Street lighting	2788	86
General expenses of highway dept.	6000	00
Libraries:	1000	00
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	3738	09
Town poor	3812	10
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	98	49
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds	688	60
Public Service Enterprises:		
Blinker light	92	74
Cemeteries	1750	91
Town clock	104	50
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	224	72
Advertising and Regional Associations	100	00
Taxes bought by town	1636	60
Discounts, abatements and refunds	541	70
Auto permits	655	50
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$ 2933 80
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	645	00
Paid on long term notes	266	41
Total Interest Payments		\$ 911 41
Outlay for New Construction, Equip- ment and Permanent Improvements:		
New equipment (highway)	5000	00
Total Outlay Payments		\$ 5000 00
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	70000	00
Payments on long term notes	5245	62
Total Indebtedness Payments		\$ 75245 62

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes paid to county	12396 36
Payments to School Districts (1952 tax \$59,886.71) (1953 tax \$37,500.00)	97386 71
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$109783 07
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$264756 68
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	44958 02
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Grand Total	\$309714 70

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 30000 00
Furniture and equipment	2000 00
Libraries, lands and buildings	10000 09
Furniture and equipment	4000 00
Police department, lands and buildings	
Equipment	200 00
Fire department, lands and buildings	4000 00
Equipment	20000 00
Highway department, land and buildings	2000 00
Equipment	20000 00
Parks, commons and playgrounds	5000 00
Water supply, if owned by town	85000 00
Sewers and drains	26000 00
Schools, lands and buildings	250000 00
Equipment	15000 00
All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds	
G. L. Richardson, wood lot	1000 00
Chas. Kinson, place	1000 00
Farwell, Ball & White, wood lot	500 00
Town dump	1000 00
Nelson Benware, place	2000 00
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Total	\$478700 00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**State of New Hampshire**

Use of equipment, highway dept.	\$ 668 60
T. R. A. refunds	4507 05
Gas tax refund	426 00
Hedgehog bounties, 1951	21 50
Hedgehog bounties, 1952	13 00
Timber tax, 1952	1806 02
Interest and dividend taxes	1584 90
Recovery old age assistance, William Thurston	23 40
Pine blister rust refund	6 35
Railroad tax	3448 14
Savings bank tax	378 85
Timber tax, 1953	1751 22
	—————\$ 14635 03

Highway Department

Use of equipment	\$ 506 59
Gravel	831 80
Tarring and cold patch	741 95
Felix Schumann, old sidewalk plow	5 00
School District, labor	18 20
Fire department, gas	43 43
	—————\$ 2146 97

Refunds

Adams & Adams, fleet insurance refund	\$ 105 89
Perry & Willard, insurance refund	12 83
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., interest refund	11 67
	—————\$ 130 39

Forest Fires

State of New Hampshire	\$ 12 60
Charlestown Mills, Inc.	10 00
L. L. Smith	4 00
Leo Poisson	3 00
Town of Acworth, N. H.	340 44
Town of Grantham, N. H.	502 55
	—————\$ 872 59

William S. Fairbanks, Town Clerk

Auto permits	\$9836 32
Dog licenses	683 60
	—————\$ 10519 92

Temporary Loans

First Nat'l Bank, Springfield, Vt.	\$70000 00
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Notes

First Nat'l Bank, Springfield, Vt.	\$ 5000 00
	<hr/> \$ 75000 00

Taxes

L. L. Comstock, tax collector	\$ 5650 17
Walter G. Smith, Jr., tax collector, 1951	8 20
1952	13899 05
1953	140097 00
	<hr/> \$159654 42

Taxes Redeemed**L. L. Comstock, Collector**

Chester M. Grant, 1951	\$ 100 00
Mary O. Emerson, 1951	152 24
Mary O. Emerson, 1950	165 01
Leon and Kit Benware, 1950	78 29
Lewis Chartier, 1951	23 26
Chas. and Bessie Tuttle, 1951	30 00
Albert Bashaw	10 00
Lucy McMahon Estate, 1950	5 00
Frank and Ada Wilcox	8 00
	<hr/> \$ 571 80

Walter G. Smith, Jr., Collector

Charles and Doris Ring, 1951	\$ 247 19
Charles and Bessie Tuttle, 1951	36 76
Surrell, Erwin W. and Doris M., 1952	169 12
Theodore and Franklin Walker, 1952	100 00
Emery W. Hall, 1952	21 12
Maurice and Ida Cilley, 1951	146 27
Albert Bashaw, 1949	45 88
Albert Bashaw, 1950	42 91
Albert Bashaw, 1951	37 18
	<hr/> \$ 846 43

Miscellaneous

O. C. Young, interest water dept.	\$ 40 56
Municipal Court, 1952	397 50
Pistol permits	6 00
A. H. Sayce, ½ town clock timer	7 50
Sale highway junk	25 00
Romaine Bacon, old typewriter	10 00
Lorraine and Wilbur Snelling, sale Dunmore property	1800 00
Ernest F. Bowen, cemetery lot	51 91
Martha Frizzell, 2 town lot maps	2 00
1952 checks not cashed, Nos. 578, 584	1 00
Head tax	261 54
Yield taxes, Walter G. Smith, Jr., collector	533 42
Alice E. Adams, rent town hall, 1952	623 00
Alice E. Adams, rent town hall, 1953	524 50
Leon Kidhart, rent Dunmore place	90 00
Tree spraying	28 50
	<hr/> \$ 4402 43
Total receipts	\$268779 98
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	40934 72
	<hr/> \$309714 70

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

J. Frank Frohock, selectman	\$ 550 00
Alice E. Adams, selectman	550 00
Walter H. Palmer, selectman	550 00
Walter G. Smith, Jr., tax collector	600 00
Louis L. Comstock, health officer	75 00
William S. Fairbanks, town clerk	200 00
William Miller, town treasurer	200 00
Oscar F. Adams, overseer of poor	150 00
Gladys L. Adams, secretary, trustee of trust funds	150 00
D. Howard Stearns, fire chief	100 00
Eleanor C. Brown, auditor	90 00
Alta Currier, auditor	94 50
Water G. Smith, Jr., auditor (1952 accts. only)	74 00
Charles F. Elliott, auditor	18 50
Walter G. Smith, Jr., collecting sewer rentals	75 00
	<hr/> \$3477 00

Town Officers' Expense

J. Frank Frohock, mileage, attending state meetings, and supplies	\$ 120 85
Alice E. Adams, mileage, attending state meetings, and supplies	91 70
Walter H. Palmer, mileage, attending state meetings, and supplies	85 87
William S. Fairbanks, supplies, postage, telephone	80 76
New England Tel. & Tel.	121 26
Perry & Willard, bonds for town officers	222 50
Recording transfers and mortgages	69 30
The Royal Typewriter Co., typewriter	145 00
Lawrence A. Hicks, system for trustee of trust funds	300 00
L. L. Comstock, town reports and printing	498 40
Kimball's Inc., supplies	29 29
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	23 80
Brown & Saltmarsh Co., supplies	21 32
Town officers, dues in State Associations	8 00
Gertrude Cahalane, postage	22 00
Walter G. Smith, Jr., expenses and supplies	80 43
Carl Brown, repairing chairs	4 50
Miscellaneous supplies	37 04
	<hr/> \$1962 02

Election and Registration

Donald G. Harrington, moderator	\$ 15 75
J. Frank Frohock, election officer	10 00
Alice E. Adams, election officer	10 00
Walter H. Palmer, election officer	10 00
William S. Fairbanks, town clerk	10 00
M. Loraine Child, supervisor	35 50
Lora Spooner, supervisor	33 50
Edna A. Farrell, supervisor	33 50
Arthur M. Lane, ballot clerk	10 00
Fred W. Huntley, ballot clerk	10 00
Leon Barry, ballot clerk	10 00
Louis L. Comstock, ballot clerk	10 00
Louis L. Comstock, printer, new check lists	\$ 90 00
Ballots and record cards	41 50
	<hr/> 131 50
	<hr/> \$ 329 75

Highway Department—Winter Account

John W. Morris, agent	\$ 1294 20
Labor	6176 35
Charlestown Garage, repairs and supplies	736 68
Willoughby's Garage, repairs and supplies	398 00
Cray Oil Co., gasoline	953 49
Granite State Electric Co.	7 20
Hired snow plowing and sanding	59 45
Perry & Willard Insurance, liability insurance	571 96
R. C. Hazelton Co., Art. 7 of 1953 Warrant	1720 00
Gravel	900 00
R. C. Hazelton Co., repair parts	54 93
International Salt Co., road salt	808 00
George Lombard, bridge plank	139 31
Charles Riley, gas	8 67
Gay's Express Co., express charges	6 26
Berger Metal Culvert Co.	32 77
Curtis Blaine, rented equipment	45 00
William Bailey, mileage for car	16 00
Hartford Oil Co., kerosene	11 10
Hamlin I. G. A. Store, tools	9 10
L. L. Comstock, printing	5 50

\$13953 97

Highway Department—Summer Account

John W. Morris, agent	\$ 1927 30
Labor	7459 38
Vacations	336 00
Charlestown Garage, repairs and supplies	519 36
Cray Oil Company, gasoline	1069 93
Willoughby's Garage, repairs and supplies	539 69
Hired plowing and sanding	23 60
Granite State Electric Co.	10 28
R. C. Hazelton Co., repair parts	168 79
Wirthmore Feed Co., supplies	27 20
Adams & Adams Agency, insurance	278 96
Berger Metal Culvert Co.	106 48
Connelly Fuel Co.	163 50
George Lombard	249 15
Curtis Blaine, rented equipment	60 00
State of New Hampshire, hired equipment	226 00
A. R. Stevens, repairing truck body and gravel screen	197 90
Perry & Willard, insurance	84 27
Freight and express charges	17 02
Gasoline bought locally	7 68

R. N. Johnson, supplies and guard posts	130 49
Hardy Merrill, repair parts and supplies	35 80
Arthur Whitcomb, dynamite, blasting powder	109 15
Concord Woodworking Co., snow fence	87 50
Hartford Oil Company, kerosene	3 75
Sawing wood	12 10
Raymond Wilder, tar barrels	6 00
Bert Wallace, gravel	108 60
Hamlin I. G. A. Store, supplies	2 25
A. H. Streeter, supplies	2 25
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	\$13969 78

Highway Department

Total cost of highways (winter and summer) \$27923 75

Credits:

Use of machinery and trucks	\$1175 19
Road toll refund	469 43
Gravel sold	831 80
Tarring and cold patch	741 95
Adams & Adams, insurance refund	105 89
School District, labor	18 20
Sale of highway junk	30 00
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	\$ 3372 46

Net cost of highways \$24551 29

Highway Report

The following is a condensed summary of the work done by the highway department:

Streets and roads tarred, Briggs Hill, Willard, Bridge, Baldwin Court, Bowen Crossing road, Acworth road, Stickney road, Causeway, East, Lovers Lane road, Taylor Hill, Fisk Hill, Fire Station yard, Church.

Six miles of road graveled, 15 miles brush cut, 1 mile of Farmers Mix used.

Three culverts installed, re-planked bridge near Bert Wallace farm, re-planked bridge on South West Street extension, new planks and stringers put on Jabe Meadow bridge.

Dump road widened and graveled.

Blasted out ledge, widened and graveled Old Turnpike road.

Bailey Hill widened, and Crown Point Heights road widened and graveled.

Six tons of chloride, 650 yards of sand, 50 tons of salt, 9000 yards of gravel and 144 yards of cold patch were used.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MORRIS, Road Agent

Payloader Report

It was voted that the Selectmen keep a separate account of repairs and parts for the payloader, and publish same in the town report.

There have been no breakdowns and no repair parts purchased or required.

Surface Treatment

Trimount Bituminous Products Co., road tar and patch	\$4416 68
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, chloride	205 75
Town of Walpole, N. H., equipment	133 90
Labor	1243 67
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	\$6000 00

Town Road Aid

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, for town's share	\$ 786 20
Wages drawn in advance	\$2784 65
Trucks and equipment hired	1722 50
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	\$4507 15
Received from State of N. H.	\$4507 05
Refund	10
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	\$4507 15
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Total cost to town for 1953 T. R. A. project	\$ 786 20

Town Road Aid Report

Town road aid is for work on Class 5 roads, which are school bus and mail routes. \$6,027.54 was expended on this work in 1953 in Charlestown. The town spent \$786.20, and the State furnished the balance of \$5,241.34. The work this year was a continuation of work started on the Unity road, and was under the supervision of a state highway engineer from the Keene office. Mr. Kenneth Whitney was the state timekeeper on this job. Mr. Whitney's report shows the following:

1. 123 trees, over 6 in. in diameter, were cut down and removed.
2. 7-10 of a mile of brush was cut.
3. 1800 yards of material were excavated to widen the road, and this was used as fill.
4. 25 yards of ledge were dynamited to widen the road.
5. 5381 yards of gravel were used.
6. Culverts were installed as follows: 32 ft. of 12 in., 68 ft. of 24 in., and 50 ft. of 36 in.
7. 89 fence posts were set and painted.

Expenses Town Hall

Arthur LaForge, janitor		\$1101 20
B. W. Pease, fuel		639 50
James Hogan, wood		12 50
Granite State Electric Co.		93 28
Monier's Home Utilities, gas		32 25
Connelly Fuels, fuel		321 00
Perry & Willard, insurance		454 21
A. H. Streeter, repairing furnace		103 45
Hamlin I. G. A. Store, supplies		20 54
Kendall's Drug Store, supplies		6 68
Rick's Electric Shop, repairs		2 25
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		\$2786 86
Heating fire station	\$ 150 00	
Rent of town hall	524 50	
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Net cost of town hall		\$2112 36

Police Department

Ralph Willoughby, chief, salary and telephone, expenses		\$1557 30
Robert W. Stone, police duty		379 65
Robert Hughes, police duty		20 60
Charles B. Saunders, police duty		5 50
Allen Cornell, police duty		23 60
Arthur LaForge, police duty		6 00
Elroy Rock, police duty		11 00
Raymond Wilder, police duty		12 80
Milford Davidson, police duty		5 00
Harold H. Ward, Sr., police duty		11 20
Walter Arnold, clerk, for firemen searching for lost child		95 00
Granite State Electric Co., blinker light		45 72
Russell Uniform Co., police sticks and badges		13 36
Adams & Adams Agency, insurance		41 94
Perry & Willard, insurance		57 29
Rick's Electric Shop, supplies		2 43
L. L. Comstock, printing		4 50
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		\$2292 89

Municipal Court

Richard H. Perry, justice	\$ 300 00
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Fire Department

Granite State Electric Co.	\$ 70 69
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	93 08

N. H. Fire & Safety Equipment Co.

Nozzles, strap and bracket	\$ 141 95	
Scott air pack cylinder, and red light	57 27	
Ladder	60 72	
First aid kits and batteries	39 25	
Red light and siren	43 50	
6 fire helmets	83 27	
Battery and Scott air pack refill	6 75	
Refilling fire extinguishers	19 45	
New Scott air pack	235 50	
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Justin A. McCarthy Co., hose and couplings	225 40
American LaFrance Foamite Corp., installing 3rd gate	113 30
American LaFrance Foamite Corp., material and labor	77 48
A. H. Streeter, material and repairs	65 16
Charlestown Garage, repairs	194 35
Clover Farm Stores, supplies	9 38
Adin Houghton, fire extinguisher and recharges	17 00
Adams & Adams, insurance	117 00
Perry & Willard, insurance	111 02
S-T Wrench Company, wrenches	31 50
D. Howard Stearns, fire chief's convention	25 00
Maurice Zing, State Retirement Fund	66 00
Wirthmore Feed Co., supplies	30 60
L. L. Comstock, printing	5 50
Emery's Esso Station, gas and supplies	11 10
Miscellaneous supplies	10 94
Southern Twin State Mutual Aid Assoc., dues	5 00
Operating resuscitator	65 20
Labor at fire station	22 00
Clerk's salary	15 00
Steward's salary	75 00
Gasoline, credit highway department	43 43
Salaries, 22 firemen @ \$25.00	550 00

4	Forest fires	\$ 719 99	
4	Alarms	150 50	
6	Chimney fires	20 50	
5	Oil burner fires	16 00	
17	Grass fires	104 30	
9	Dump fires	199 10	
4	Still alarms	10 00	
3	Car fires	15 00	
1	Tractor fire	5 00	
1	Circus fire	6 00	
1	Truck fire	2 00	
1	Electric wiring fire	3 00	
		<hr/>	\$1251 39
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			\$3989 18
Coal, credit town hall account			150 00
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			\$4139 18
	Received from Town of Grantham, N. H.	\$ 502 55	
	Received from Town of Acworth, N. H.	340 44	
	Received from State of New Hampshire	12 60	
	Received from Charlestown Mills, Inc.	10 00	
	Received from L. L. Smith	4 00	
	Received from Leo Poisson	3 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 872 59
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Net cost of fire department			\$3266 59

Resuscitator Report

The resuscitator was purchased from a public subscription drive in 1952, which was sponsored by 10 organizations. After the resuscitator was purchased, a balance of \$224.04 was left over which was deposited as a fund to purchase oxygen and supplies.

A financial summary as of Feb. 1, 1954 follows:

On deposit after drive	\$ 224 04
Oxygen refills	\$113 90
Extra tanks	47 80
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	\$ 161 70
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Balance on hand	\$ 62 34

The resuscitator has been used in ten emergencies up to Feb. 1, 1954. Thirteen persons are qualified to use the resuscitator under a doctor's supervision.

D. HOWARD STEARNS, Fire Chief

Taxes Bought by the Town (1952 Levy)

Horace and Marion Bascom	\$ 386 79
Louis and Delia Chartier	30 23
Marien M. Chamberlain	135 08
Robert and Margaret Davis	98 14
Alfred C. Goodell	16 38
Glen and Esther Lord	161 19
Nelson and Annie Pecor	35 25
Erwin and Doris Surrell	169 12
Theodore and Franklin Walker	326 44
Clifford V. Wilson	82 10
Melvin Wilson	9 45
Edward and Esther Wright	124 71
Hamilton H. Beadle	16 38
Emery W. Hall	22 67
Stanley W. Miller	22 67
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	\$1636 60
Taxes and interest	\$1579 60
Walter G. Smith, collector's fees paid	57 00
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	\$1636 60

Tax Abatements

L. L. Comstock, balance due state on 1951 head tax	\$ 22 66
W. G. Smith, Jr., collector, over-assessment on trailer, Geo. Smith	15 00
Walter G. Smith, Jr., collector, abatement on Nelson J. Benware property	119 14
Walter G. Smith, Jr., collector, abatement head and poll taxes for 1952 for Nelson J. and Josephine Benware	15 40
Francis M. Hinkle, for Veterans' exemption	54 00
Leslie Reed, over-assessment on stock in trade	81 00
1949 property tax, Albert Bashaw	10 00
1951 poll taxes not collectable	6 00
1952 poll taxes not collectable	30 00
1953 poll taxes not collectable	48 00
1952 head tax not collectable	49 50
Bank stock abatement	1 00
William Dunmore property abatement, levy of 1952, town took title	90 00
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	\$ 541 70

Library

E. P. Barber, treasurer	\$1000 00
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Street Lighting

Granite State Electric Co.	\$2563 36
Connecticut Valley Electric Co. Inc.	225 50
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	\$2788 86

Swimming Pool

Kurt Foshey, lifeguard	\$ 350 00
John Dunn, lifeguard	140 00
Jean Ahern, lifeguard	55 00
Joanne Worthley, lifeguard	25 00
Labor	81 90
Wirthmore Feed Co., material	27 98
Hamlin I. G. A. Store, supplies	4 19
Kendall's Drug Store, supplies	4 53
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	\$ 688 60

Town Dump

Jesse Porter, caretaker	\$ 300 00
Emery's Esso Station, gasoline	1 52
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	\$ 301 52
Charge for care of dump by highway department	98 48
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Total cost of town dump	\$ 400 00

Care of Trees

F. A. Bartlett Tree Co., spraying trees, twice	\$ 700 00
Ben Marsh, cutting down trees and trimming	287 03
John Whitney, cutting down trees and trimming	110 00
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	\$1097 03
Receipts from private tree spraying	28 50
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Net cost of tree care	\$1068 53

Auto Permits

William S. Fairbanks, town clerk	\$ 655 50
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Bounties

Bounties paid	\$ 51 00
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Old Age Assistance

Amount paid by State of New Hampshire Department of Public Welfare to persons in Charlestown who receive old age assistance for 1953 was \$14,952.36.

The Town of Charlestown pays 25% of this amount to the state	\$3738 09
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Town Poor Account

Oscar F. Adams, Overseer of Poor, from selectmen	\$3492 66
State of New Hampshire, aid to disabled	319 44
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Total cost of town poor	\$3812 10

Cemeteries

Forest Hill Cemetery	
Clarence Jardine, sexton	\$ 128 00
Clarence Jardine, labor	193 70
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	\$ 321 70

Hope Hill Cemetery	
Clarence Jardine, sexton	\$ 479 00
Clarence Jardine, labor	847 10
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	\$1326 10

General Expense

Wirthmore Feed Co., seeds, scythes, supplies	\$ 29 08
Charlestown Garage, repairs	32 50
Hamlin I. G. A. Store, supplies	16 97
Perry & Willard, insurance	15 56
Erwin Surrell, mowing	9 00
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	\$ 103 11

Total cemetery expense	\$1750 91
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Interest

First National Bank, Springfield, Vt. (anticipation of taxes)	\$ 645 00
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt. (water notes)	66 41
Amoskeag Savings Bank, payloader note	20 00
Connecticut River National Bank, fire truck note	180 00
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	\$ 911 41

Indebtedness

First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., temporary loans	\$70000 00
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., water note No. 181	245 62
Amoskeag Savings Bank, payloader note	2000 00
Connecticut River National Bank, fire truck note	3000 00
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	\$75245 62

Outlay for New Enquiptment

R. C. Hazelton Co., payloader	\$5000 00
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Special Appropriations

V. F. W. Post No. 8497 Memorial Day	
Charlestown High School Band	\$ 65 00
Sunnyfields, flowers	7 50
Roswell D. Whitcomb Post, ammunion	3 19
Rick's Electric Shop, flags	22 80
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	\$ 98 49

Town Clock

Carlton DeCastillia, parts and rebuilding town clock	\$ 82 50
Robert Clifford, winding clock	20 00
Carl Bennett, welding	2 00
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	\$ 104 50
Dog Account, veterinary, printing	\$ 51 62
Buckley, Zoph & Sayce, legal fees	173 10
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee, 1952 and 1953 appropriations	100 00

Health Department

Dr. Paul Willard, vaccinations	\$ 42 00
L. L. Comstock, express and expenses	12 10
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	\$ 54 10

Blister Rust

William Messeck, Jr., state forester	\$ 400 00
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Vital Statistics

William S. Fairbanks, town clerk, reporting births, marriages and deaths	\$ 74 50
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

County tax	\$12396 36
School District, balance 1952-53 appropriation	\$59886 71
Paid on 1953-54 appropriation	37500 00
	<hr/> \$ 97386 71
	<hr/> \$109783 07

Miscellaneous

Sewer department, insurance	\$ 39 60
Water department, insurance	72 80
Installation of blinker light	92 74
Purchasing tax lien	138 42
	<hr/> \$ 343 56

White Pine Blister Rust Control

Financial Statement, Town of Charlestown, 1953

Town funds expended	\$ 393 65
Cooperative funds expended	206 04
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Total funds expended	\$ 599 69
Received from town	\$ 400 00
Expended from town funds	393 65
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Balance due town	\$ 6 35
Area covered 1,559 acres.	
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed, 3,297.	

Town Clock Report

It was voted to repair the town clock. The mechanism was badly worn and a major rebuilding job was necessary. A clock rebuilding company wanted several hundred dollars to do the necessary work. Mr. Carlton deCastillia was approached, and agreed to do the job if the necessary parts were provided. The parts were obtained at no cost to the town. The Selectmen feel that Mr. deCastillia did an excellent job of rebuilding the clock.

Report of History Committee

The history committee had hoped to have the new history ready for publication during 1953, but it has taken longer than anticipated to complete some of the chapters, particularly the genealogies. If members of your committee can resist requests for other time-consuming projects, the new history should be ready for the printer this year.

MARTHA FRIZZELL, For the Committee

Monument Committee Report

The Monument Committee has had two meetings in the past year. A sign was constructed and placed on the green in the spot chosen for the monument by members of the committee. Prints have been made of the Approved Design which will be posted in the lower town hall entry at town meeting. Quotations will be considered in the near future for the construction of the monument. Then comes the placing of the orders.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD K. MOFFATT,

Secretary for Monument Committee

Hessler T. Gates, Sr.	Edward Davis	Earl Putnam
Mrs. Emily Cobb	Ralph Davis	John D. Davis, Jr.
Charles Snow	Horace Holden	Harold Moffatt

Municipal Court

During the year 1953 there were 112 complaints brought before the court.

Motor vehicles	95
Fish and game	4
Forgery	1
Disturbing the peace	2
Assault	5
Juvenile	4
Cruelty to animals	1
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	112

Financial Report

Amount received	\$1480 00
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Amount paid:

Motor vehicle department	\$ 864 00
Fish and game department	58 50
Richard H. Perry	10 00
N. H. Ass'n Municipal Court Judges	5 00
Town of Charlestown	542 50
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Total payments	\$1480 00
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Police Department Report

Calls received and investigated	601
Motor vehicle accidents	43
Persons injured in motor vehicle accidents	18
Motor vehicle fatality	1
Persons given night's lodging	37
Dances and basketball games policed	

Arrests

Speeding	19
Failing to have car under control	3
Driving while intoxicated	3
Defective equipment	1
Driving without a license	1
Reckless driving	1
Assault	3

Again, as in the past, my sincere thanks for all cooperation shown the Police Department, during the year of 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH A. WILLOUGHBY,

Chief of Police

Report On Town Hall

Amount due Town of Charlestown for rent of hall	\$ 597 50
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 524 50
Due from V. F. W. (Nov.)	16 00
Due from Stanley Blodget (Dec.)	45 00
Due from Muriel Straw (Dec.)	12 00
	—————\$ 597 50

STATE HEAD TAX ACCOUNT

Received from Walter G. Smith, Jr., collector	\$5215 00
Paid State Treasurer	4704 50
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Town received	\$ 510 50
Paid out, penalties	\$ 31 01
Walter G. Smith, Jr., State law	153 15
Selectmen, voted by town	64 80
Balance to town	261 54
	—————\$ 510 50
Received from Walter G. Smith, Jr., collector, cash	
balance Connecticut River National Bank	\$ 153 50

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Town of Charlestown, N. H.

The following is a report of all automobiles taxed in the Town of Charlestown from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953:

Total receipts	\$9836 32
Paid Town Treasurer	\$9836 32

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS,

Town Clerk

DOG ACCOUNT

To the Town of Charlestown, N. H.

The following is a report of dogs licensed in the Town of Charlestown during the year 1953

Number of dogs licensed	327
Amount received: Males	\$ 350 00
Amount received: Spayed	204 00
Amount received: Females	135 00
Amount received: Kennel	60 00
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Total receipts	\$ 749 00
Town Clerk's fee	65 40
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 683 60

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS, 1953

Fred H. Perry, Lovell E. Comstock, Gladys L. Adams, Trustees

At the last session of the State Legislature, a law was passed recommending the town to set up a different accounting system for the operation of Common Trust Funds.

This has been accomplished with the able assistance of Accountant Laurence A. Hicks of Claremont.

New cemetery accounts received in 1953:

Clement Corbin	\$600 00
Walter H. Perry	200 00
Henry and William H. Jones	100 00
John D. Davis, Sr.	100 00
Silas O. Brackett	150 00
Frances D. Bailey	100 00
George B. Bradley	100 00
Horace M. Stearns	100 00
Henry Morse	100 00

The widows receiving the benefit from the Porter Widow's Fund:

Sadie Williams	\$ 38 00
Edith Straw	38 00
Fanny Nash	38 00
Josephine Quimby	38 00
Alice Cross	38 00
Helen Kinson	38 00
Angie Blanchard	38 00
Ella M. King	38 00
Sarah Fisk	38 00
Emma LaForge	38 00
Grace Titus	38 00
Total	<hr/> \$ 418 00

Trust Fund Principal, Dec. 31, 1953

Securities owned at cost

30 sh. Central Vt. Pub. Ser., 4.15% pr.	\$2880 00
167 sh. Chase National Bank, N. Y.	5354 35
200 sh. Chemical Fund Inc.	3419 16
151 sh. Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	4473 77
305 sh. George Putnam Fund of Boston	6017 65
100 sh. Inland Steel Co.	4255 63
200 sh. Irving Trust Co., New York	4675 01
100 sh. Louisville & Nashville Ry.	6070 10
350 sh. Massachusetts Investors Trust	4575 97
5 sh. National Dairy Products Co.	245 00
326 sh. Nationwide Balanced Fund	5038 24
140 sh. New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co.	6272 00
100 sh. Otis Elevator Co.	4205 58
150 sh. Peerless Casualty Co.	2393 25
30 sh. Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, 3.35% pr.	2320 00
60 sh. Sunshine Biscuits	4243 08
Certificates of Beneficial Interest	3465 90
United States Government Bond	3500 00
Cash	407 55
Total	<hr/> \$73812 24

Market value of above on December 31, 1953 \$78082 21

Income, 1953

Dividends:	
American Business Shares Inc.	\$ 24 23
Central Vermont Public Service Co.	83 20
Century Shares Inc.	7 50
Chase National Bank, N. Y.	334 00
Chemical Fund Inc.	161 96
Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund	177 54
George Putnam Fund of Boston	122 00
Incorporated Investors	16 00
Inland Steel	275 00
Irving Trust Co. of N. Y.	106 25
Louisville & Nashville R. R.	300 00
Massachusetts Investors Trust	494 02
National City Bank, N. Y.	44 50
National Dairy Products Co.	15 00
National Investors	6 80
Nationwide Balanced Fund	219 53
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	212 00
New Hampshire Fire Ins. Co.	206 00
Otis Elevator Co.	100 00
Peerless Casualty Co.	119 50
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	66 90
Sunshine Biscuit Co.	120 00
Interest:	
Treasurer of the United States	87 50
On various savings accounts	75 09
Total	<hr/> \$3374 52

Expenditures

Paid Library Treasurer	\$1550 00
To the widows	418 00
To Clarence Jardine, sexton	872 24
Work on Hoyt property	213 60
To School Treasurer from Swan fund	19 67
Restoration of broken fountain at No. Charlestown	
To Water department	24 50
LaRock, repairing and painting	148 54
New ledger and miscellaneous	14 97
Box rent	4 80
	<hr/> \$3266 32

OVERSEER OF POOR, 1953

Oscar F. Adams

Name	Food	Board & Care	Medical	Fuel	Rent	Funeral	Cloth
Benware, Nelson J.	\$ 310 00			\$ 77 05			
Blanchard, Mrs. Angie				25 50			
Dunmore, William		\$ 120 00				\$ 85 00	
Hart, Emma		92 48	\$ 59 05			100 00	
Hazelton, Maybelle		949 14					
Hazelton, Rose Marie		8 58					
King, Mrs. Ella			50 30				
Rowe, William		124 00	11 00				\$ 4 39
Russell, Charles	68 00						
Streeter, Harry		965 70	3 00	15 00			
Titus, Mrs. Grace		30 57					
Soldier No. 1		326 14	3 76		14 00		
Soldier No. 2							
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	\$ 426 90	\$2616 61	\$ 127 11	\$ 102 55	\$ 14 00	\$ 185 00	\$ 4 39
Amount received from Selectmen for support of poor							\$3492 66
Amount expended for support of poor							3491 56
Balance on hand in bank							<hr/> \$ 1 10

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS

January 1, 1953 to March 30, 1953

Dr.

Unpaid property taxes Jan. 1, 1953	\$18589 90
Unpaid poll taxes Jan. 1, 1953	314 00
Interest collected on property taxes	64 87
Interest collected on poll taxes	12 60
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	\$18981 37

Cr.

Paid treasurer	\$ 5650 17
Unpaid property taxes Mar. 30, 1953	13147 20
Unpaid poll taxes Mar. 30, 1953	184 00
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	\$18981 37

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. COMSTOCK,

Collector

1951 Levy—

Dr.

Unpaid poll taxes, Mar. 30, 1953	\$ 18 00
Penalties collected on poll taxes	20
Uncollected timber tax, Mar. 30, 1953	26 90
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	\$ 45 10

Cr.

Paid treasurer	\$ 8 20
Uncollected poll taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	10 00
Uncollected timber tax, Dec. 31, 1953	26 90
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	\$ 45 10

1952 Levy—

Dr.

Uncollected property taxes, Mar. 30, 1953	\$13147 20
Uncollected poll taxes, Mar. 30, 1953	184 00
Added poll taxes	4 00
Interest and costs collected on property taxes	570 37
Penalties collected on poll taxes	13 48
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	\$13919 05

Cr.

Paid treasurer	\$13899 05
Uncollected property taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	0 00
Uncollected poll taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	20 00
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	\$13919 05

1953 Levy—

Dr.

Property tax warrant	\$154399 07
Added property taxes	280 80
Poll tax warrant	2130 00
Added poll taxes	50 00
Head tax warrant	6475 00
Added head taxes	120 00
Timber tax warrant	842 67
Interest collected on property taxes	6 70
Penalties collected on poll taxes	39 00
Penalties collected on head taxes	13 50
Interest collected on timber taxes	0 00
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	\$164356 74

Cr.

Paid treasurer	\$145998 92
Uncollected property taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	16460 57
Uncollected poll taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	348 00
Uncollected head taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	1130 00
Head taxes abated, Dec. 31, 1953	110 00
Uncollected timber taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	309 25
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	\$164356 74

WALTER G. SMITH, JR.,

Tax Collector

WATER DEPARTMENT

Expense

Earl Putnam, Supt., labor, miscellaneous expense	\$ 337 75
All other labor	2007 96
Granite State Electric Co.	32 60
W. S. Howland, tending chlorinator	138 50
William S. Fairbanks, gas	70 38
C. Blaine & Son, setting hydrants, trenching and laying pipe	394 00
Emery Esso Station	19 43
Mrs. Michael Pletznier, copper tubing	5 20
Bradford Price Book	15 00
Charlestown Garage, repairs	28 59
T. J. Frizzell, plowing snow	10 00
Willoughby's Garage, repairs	1 50
Fred Carman, digging ditch	22 50
Hamlin I. G. A. Store, supplies	3 31
Johnson, Barker & Webb Co., pipe and fittings, hydrant	528 42
E. R. Wiggins, splash boards	34 22
Bridge Street Maintenance, welding hydrant	16 25
Norman LaRock, repair and sharpening saws	2 25
L. L. Comstock, printing	4 95
Rick's Electric Shop, wiring	6 56
Keil Lock Company, keys	1 50
Charles Millar & Son, fittings	22 77
Rockwell Mfg. Co., meter repairs	16 75
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., express	17 08
H. P. Welch Co., express	18 03
Gay's Express, express	38 89
H. P. Prescott & Son, pipe and fittings	434 94
Pierce Perry Co., tools and fittings	334 52
Wirthmore Feed Co., lumber, paint and cement	61 21
Lambert Supply Co., copper tubing	246 51
Brown Company, chlorine	34 25
Hartford Oil Co., kerosene	7 16
Hersey Mfg. Co., meter repairs	24 34
Geo. Caldwell Co., caulking compound	22 00
Red Head Mfg. Co., fittings	24 68
	<hr/> \$4984 00

Water Department Equipment and Supplies

Pipe and fittings	\$ 300 00
Meters	415 00
Pumps	215 00
Hoes, shovels and torches	25 00
Pipe tools	150 00
Hydrant repairs	55 25
Gate valves	120 00
1 Jackhammer	275 00
Miscellaneous	50 00
Two hydrants	203 00
Caulking compound	40 00
Two-thirds cost of truck	600 00
	<hr/> \$2448 25

Water Department—Collected for Labor and Supplies

Earl Putnam, Supt.

George Blake, 1951	\$ 4 00
David Simons, 1952	203 05
Leo Josefow, 1952	27 35
Lovell Comstock, 1953	46 92
Merton Bascom, 1953	36 36
St. Catherine's Rectory, 1953	63 82
George Ledoux, 1953	64 48
Theron Maxham, 1953	68 83
A. P. Raymond, 1953	22 26
Richard Reil, 1953	100 01
James Fedelski, 1953	16 03
Trustees of Trust Funds, 1953	24 50
Harold Emery, 1953	14 00
Gordon Bemis, 1953	21 68
	<hr/> \$ 713 29

Uncollected for Labor and Supplies

1946	\$ 72 13
1948	25 88
1951	98 37
1952	131 29
1953	355 80
	<hr/> \$ 683 47

WATER COMMISSION

Rolfe L. Jacobs, Secretary and Treasurer

January 1, 1954

Receipts, 1953

Balance in Connecticut River National Bank	\$1111 20
Received from Raymond Dodge	240 96
Received from labor and supplies	573 30
Received from Board of Selectmen	55 00
Received from Trust fund	24 50
Received from D. V. Cahalane, water rentals	5667 20
Received from Sinking fund plus interest in Connecticut River National Bank	937 50
Received from Earl Putnam account	133 51

Total receipts \$8743 17

Disbursements

Cement Lined Pipe Co.	\$ 456 09
Perry & Willard (bond)	10 00
State Department of Health	2 36
Town of Charlestown (int. on Snumshire acct.)	40 56
Adams & Adams Agency, insurance	88 00
Adams & Adams Agency, insurance (endorsement)	2 90
Pierce Perry Co., supplies	9 24
N. H. Water Works	10 00
Johnson-Barker Webb Co.	95 49
William Fairbanks (gas)	17 05
Geo. Caldwell Co.	5 01
Curtis Blaine & Son	1242 38
Granite State Electric Co.	5 42
Charlestown Garage	11 01
Gordon Bemis (lumber and planing)	4 00
D. V. Cahalane, postage and supplies	31 40
Earl Putnam (chlorinator Oct.-Nov.-Dec.)	60 00
Earl Putnam, labor and supplies	4732 74
Raymond Dodge	222 76
Labor (November and December, 1953)	308 25
	<hr/> \$7354 66

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$1388 51
1953 water rents received in 1953	\$5667 20
1953 water rents received in 1954	1004 52 (before closing books)

\$6671 72

Outstanding Liabilities, Jan. 1, 1954

Lambert Supply Co.	\$ 276 49
Wirthmore Feed Co.	1 70
H. R. Prescott & Sons, Inc.	1796 16
William S. Fairbanks	11 25
Johnson, Barker, Webb Corp.	390 45
Brown Company	34 25
A. H. Streeter	29 39
Town of Charlestown, N. H.	344 27
Water note plus interest	848 00
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	\$3731 96

Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Water Commission

For the second time within two years, the Water Department has lost one of its major supporters. A man, who has throughout his life in Charlestown, among other things, devoted a great deal of his personal time and energy to the Water Department, Dr. O. C. Young.

Meeting the ever increasing demand for water in the new developments and private buildings, has placed the Water Department in a position of having to ask for financial aid. A review of our financial statement shown elsewhere in the Town Report will show we have outstanding liabilities on January 1, 1954 of \$3,731.96 with cash on hand of \$1,388.51, leaving a deficit of about \$2,343.45. We believe that by curtailing our activities as far as possible for the next few years that the financial position of the Water Department can be brought into balance. In order for us to pay off the outstanding liabilities which must be paid, it will be necessary for us to borrow \$2,300.00. This we propose to pay off at the rate of \$250.00 a year, from earnings.

In anticipation of a greater demand on our water system in the near future, contact has been made with State Engineers who, at no expense to the town, will make surveys of our water shed and reservoirs to determine the potential increase we may safely anticipate.

In conjunction with the Planning Committee tentative arrangements, subject to the approval of the town, have been made to bring our present records and maps of the water distribution system up to date.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS

Rents to collect for 1953	\$7063 15
Previous uncollected	1297 91
Overpayment by D. V. Cahalane	1 48
	<hr/> \$8362 54
Paid to Treasurer (O. C. Young \$3,859.34)	
(R. L. Jacobs \$2812.38)	\$6671 72
Uncollected for 1953	1344 80
Uncollected for previous years	346 02
	<hr/> \$8362 54

D. V. CAHALANE, Collector

AUDITORS' REPORT

October 14, 1953.

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Charlestown, have examined the accounts of O. C. Young, late Water Commissioner of Charlestown, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge.

ELEANOR C. BROWN

ALTA G. CURRIER

CHARLES F. ELLIOTT

REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSION

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$2078 56
Received from rentals	220 14
	<hr/> \$2298 70
Rex Green, labor	\$ 42 00
Johnson-Barker-Webb Inc., supplies	103 69
Willoughby's Garage	77 15
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Total payments	\$ 232 34
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Amount turned over to Selectmen	\$2066 36
Balance on hand March 15, 1953, turned over to Selectmen by Mrs. Lottie Dodge	\$2066 36

Labor

Earl Putnam	\$ 37 50
Rex Green	578 50
Arthur LaForge	8 00
Gordon Adams	16 00
Gerry Kinson	134 00
Harold Snow	53 00
	<hr/> \$ 827 00

Materials

Wirthmore Feed Co.	\$ 388 59
E. R. Wiggins Co.	25 68
Wiggins Concrete Prod. Co.	36 00
J. F. McDermott Co.	144 63
	<hr/> \$ 594 90

Labor and Materials

Charlestown Garage	\$ 19 84
Curtis Blaine & Son	234 75
	<hr/> \$ 254 59

O. C. Young, Treas., Water Department, labor	55 00
Earl Putnam, salary	50 00

Total payments	<hr/> \$1781 49
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Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	<hr/> \$2647 62
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Uncollected labor and materials—1947	\$ 20 97
Uncollected labor and materials—1949	35 70
Uncollected labor and materials—1951	46 06
Uncollected labor and materials—1952	58 14
Uncollected labor and materials—1953	57 45
	<hr/> \$ 218 32

Sewer Department Equipment and Supplies

Sewer pipe and fittings	\$ 50 00
Sewer tools	600 00
Hoes, shovels and torches	20 00
Miscellaneous	45 00
One-third cost of truck	300 00
	<hr/> \$1015 00

Sewer Tax Report

1951 Levy—

Dr.

Unpaid sewer taxes, March 30, 1953	\$ 76 00
Part payment collected on sewer connection	10 00
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	\$ 86 00

Cr.

Paid sewer commissioners	\$ 59 00
Uncollected sewer taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	27 00
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	\$ 86 00

1952 Levy—

Dr.

Unpaid sewer taxes, March 30, 1953	\$ 347 50
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Cr.

Paid sewer commissioners	\$ 283 50
Uncollected sewer taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	64 00
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	\$ 347 50

1953 Levy—

Dr.

Sewer tax warrant, March 30, 1953	\$2172 40
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Cr.

Paid sewer commissioners	\$1981 40
Uncollected sewer taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	185 00
Balance on hand	6 00
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	\$2172 40

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER G. SMITH, JR.,

Tax Collector

Town of Charlestown, N. H.

STATEMENT OF CHARLESTOWN OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION

Receipts

Balance on hand 1952	\$ 216 31
Prize money returned	3 00
Dinner	191 40
North Charlestown	4 00
	—————\$ 414 71

Disbursements

Sarah Fisk, postage	\$ 5 50
Prizes	60 50
Band	65 00
L. L. Comstock, printing	15 00
C. T. Lumbra, loud speaker	5 00
Balance on hand	263 71
	—————\$ 414 71

Respectfully submitted,

FRED H. PERRY, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Aside from one case of Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) the only contagious diseases reported were measles and whooping cough.

Samples of water from the Village and North Charlestown supplies have been submitted to the State Department of Health with satisfactory results according to their reports.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. COMSTOCK,
Health Officer

My appointment expired July 1, 1953.

SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Treasurer's Report for 1953

Receipts

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 957 42
Town appropriation	1000 00
Trustee of Trust Fund	1550 00
Donation from D. A. R.	5 00
Fines collected	31 50
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	\$3543 92

Disbursements

Books	\$1124 26
Magazines	52 50
Librarian's salary	450 00
Janitor's salary	360 00
Typewriter	155 00
Repairs	342 23
Painting	196 00
Fuel	283 83
Lights	55 36
Insurance	56 90
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	\$3166 11
Balance in bank Dec. 31, 1953	377 81
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	\$3543 92

E. P. BARBER, Treasurer

Report of Librarian

Circulation for 1953	
Adult books, fiction	7768
Juvenile books, fiction	5015
Non-fiction, adult and juvenile	1449
Periodicals	900
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Total circulation	15132
Number of books owned	9966
Number of books discarded	25
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Number of books added by purchase	
Adult	302
Non-fiction	112
Juvenile	186
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	600
Number of books added by gifts	35
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	635
Total number of books owned	10576

RUTH S. DAVIDSON

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Charlestown, have examined the accounts as set forth in the accompanying schedules of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Silsby Free Library, Water Commissioners, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, and other Town Officers, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge.

ELEANOR C. BROWN
 ALTA G. CURRIER
 CHARLES F. ELLIOTT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF CHARLESTOWN

During the past year numerous meetings have been held for the discussion of items we felt would be for the betterment of Charlestown.

The Selectmen have been most helpful in improving or correcting any situation brought to their attention. One or more have attended practically all of our meetings. Many items were under discussion with emphasis on the following:

- Water distribution system
- Sewerage collection system
- New cemetery
- Swimming pool and recreational area
- General lighting of the town.

At the final meeting held on February 11th it was the unanimous decision of the members that an article be inserted in the Town Warrant calling for the bringing up to date such maps as are in existence, showing the water distribution system and the sewerage collection system. Further to make new surveys and maps wherever necessary that a complete record will be set up for the water and sewer systems. The said maps are then to be used in establishing standards for new construction or repair of the old system.

We recommend that the land purchased sometime ago for a new cemetery be surveyed, laid out, necessary landscaping and repairing of the fence be started as soon as possible. The Selectmen have already cooperated by graveling the road to the cemetery. We also recommend that if possible the road from the cemetery to the highway be straightened.

The Granite State Electric Company has replaced a number of old street light fixtures on the side streets and have assured us that they will continue to replace these lights wherever necessary.

Considerable amount of discussion and thought has been given to the recreational needs of Charlestown but at the present time we have nothing to recommend.

R. L. JACOBS, Chairman
VERNE BRADDISH
HAROLD MOFFATT
THEODORE FRIZZELL
ED HENNIS
CEDRIC LUMBRA

SCHOOL REPORT

District of
CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL, 1953-54

Moderator
MARTHA M. FRIZZELL

Clerk
BEATRICE OLDEN

School Board	
ANNE WORTHLEY	Term expires 1954
DANA E. OLDEN	Term expires 1955
MONTFORD SAYCE	Term expires 1956

Treasurer
BEATRICE OLDEN

Auditors

CHARLES ELLIOTT	WALTER O'HEARNE
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Union Clerk
MARION BRADISH

Superintendent of Schools
RALPH H. MEACHAM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To Members of the School Board and Citizens of Charlestown:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

Professional Staff

Once again changes in the teaching staff have brought about interruptions in the educational program of many pupils. The adjustment to new personalities and teaching methods is difficult when it occurs suddenly, but it has also proved beneficial in some cases.

Mr. Page Riley, a graduate of New York University, majoring in mathematics and science, has had teaching experience in science and mathematics at a private school for boys and at New York University. He was employed to replace Mr. Arthur Kinas. Mr. Riley has attended Keene Teachers College for additional courses in Education which are required for a master's degree. He will coach baseball this spring.

Mr. Harold Woodward, a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College, was employed to teach grade five at the Holden School. He replaced Mrs. Mildred Montrone. Mrs. Beatrice Buswell is teaching grade three instead of grade five which she has done for several years. Mr. Woodward has initiated the publishing of an elementary school newspaper.

Mr. Clement Roy submitted his resignation in July to accept a position in Connecticut. It was extremely difficult, especially during the summer months, to find a qualified person willing to teach three English courses in addition to two foreign languages. Mr. Paul LaFerriere was finally secured in very late August, but he resigned in December. It was impossible to find a qualified replacement on such a short notice for the opening of schools on January 4. However, Miss Jane Chworowsky, a graduate of New York University majoring in English, was employed to teach English and French. She has taken additional courses in Education at the University of Pennsylvania. Although she has had no teaching experience, she has filled the vacancy capably and is studying at Keene Teachers College the second semester to obtain her teaching certificate. She will coach dramatics and assist in physical education.

Mrs. Frances Volz, a graduate of Queens College, was employed on a part-time basis to teach Spanish. She is exceptionally well trained in this language. Unfortunately, she may not be able to continue until June due to the nature of her husband's position. It is expected that the students will have completed first year Spanish requirements prior to her departure.

Due to a request to continue Latin as part of the language curriculum, it was necessary to employ an additional part-time teacher. Mrs. Vera Willard, a graduate of the University of Vermont and a former English and language teacher, consented to accept this responsibility. She has carried out her teaching assignment very thoroughly. We are, however, faced with the decision of continuing to offer three foreign languages or reducing the offerings. It is difficult to justify financially the inclusion of three foreign languages in a small high school.

Mr. Frank Weaver, who was teaching half-time last year, is now teaching full-time. He continued most successfully as coach of girls' basketball and assumed part of the responsibility of publishing the school newspaper. His long experience, working with people in the field of personal and community relations, has done much to help many pupils solve the problem of adjustment at the junior high level. Both Mr. Weaver and Miss Dorothy Sayce continued their professional training at Keene Teachers College during the summer months. Miss Sayce has also found time to take extension courses during the school year. Expansion of the physical education program in both the junior and senior high school and the inclusion of dramatics for junior high are further evidence of the capabilities and willingness of both Miss Sayce and Mr. Weaver to help boys and girls prepare more fully for life.

Mr. Charles Morgan has developed a great deal of interest in the Hunter Safety Program. He is largely responsible for the acquisition of a firing-range through the cooperation and generosity of Mr. Orborne Stevens. Mr. Morgan has found it necessary to schedule firing practice evenings and week-ends to enable boys and girls to participate in many other activities. Nationally known representatives of firearms manufacturing companies, State Department of Education personnel and magazine publishing concerns are cooperating in this newest adventure in education.

The Howe Motor Company, of Claremont, made a dual-control car available for giving behind-the-wheel instruction in Driver Education. Mr. Carl Burnap, the instructor, has carried out this program for a large number of students and has also been available for adult instruction. This is another rapidly growing addition to modern educational offerings in response to an effort to prevent automobile accidents through better training of operators. This course has even included experience in an accident—though not intentionally!

Plans are also formulated to employ Mrs. Harold Wetherell as a full-time art instructor.

In writing this report, I do not wish to leave the impression that the other members of the professional staff are not carrying out their assignments as fully and efficiently as those already named.

Mr. Herbert again has coached the boys' basketball teams to play intelligently and to be good sports. Mrs. Hause organized and supervises the cheerleaders. Miss Bonner assists with the publication of the "Chatterbox" and does the bookkeeping of school accounts. Mr. Miner and Mr. Robbins have been employed for more days per week than formerly to increase the emphasis on music in the elementary grades. This has resulted in expansion of the elementary school orchestra and band. Mr. Robbins has been selected to organize and plan the program for the All-State chorus at the Annual Music Festival. Students under the supervision and instruction of Mr. Miner have been invited to play with State and New England musical organizations. Mr. Streeter has had the most difficult position—that of administering the junior-senior high program, organizing the staff, scheduling the classes and activities, supervising the hot lunch program, student council adviser, guidance program and many other details too numerous to mention here.

Mrs. Tessie Woods has managed the hot lunch preparation efficiently with the help of Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Spaulding.

May I re-emphasize the extreme importance of good training in the elementary grades. We are indeed most fortunate to have very competent teachers with many years' experience. The demand for such teachers has never been greater than at present. Nationally there is a shortage of thousands of qualified teachers. In this state, it is estimated that we will need over six hundred additional or replacement teachers for 1954-55. This demand will not be met by those teachers in training at New Hampshire colleges. The number graduating this year is about 270.

The budget reflects the need to offer good salaries to obtain and keep good teachers. Some of the present staff have already accepted positions in other states at salaries much higher than they are now receiving.

Dr. Young has stated that two students, who will graduate from Keene Teachers College this year, have accepted positions in Connecticut as beginners at a salary of \$3000. This is more than the majority of our present elementary teachers receive.

Due to an increase in total enrollment, it will be necessary to employ an additional teacher for 1954-55.

It is impossible to adequately describe the services rendered by the union clerk, Mrs. Bradish, and the school nurse. Miss

Florence MacIver, a graduate of the Chicago Presbyterian Hospital, replaced Mrs. Ida Dousewicz who resigned during the summer to follow her husband on military assignment. Miss MacIver has become a real friend of the nearly twelve hundred boys and girls whom she visits and inspects to prevent the spread of disease, as well as to detect symptoms of physical difficulties which may interfere with the learning progress. Her prompt attention to duty has helped prevent the spread of several minor epidemics this year.

Buildings

From the census report, the pupil enrollment by grades indicates that after 1954-55, the smallest class will be approximately thirty and that the incoming classes will average fifty to sixty.

We must give serious attention now to the housing problem that will confront us in the next few years. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to work with the school board in studying the needs and the present school housing. Preparation of information for presentation to the voters should be accomplished before a real emergency arises. It has been necessary to transport additional pupils from North Charlestown this year to alleviate over-crowding at the Farwell School.

High School

During the summer, the high school corridors, principal's office, one classroom and the iron railings at the entrances were painted. A wash-bowl was installed in the nurse's room. A platform was built out of lumber from the old bandstand to provide for summer band concerts at the rear of the gymnasium. Music cupboards, instrument and uniform racks, and additional electrical outlets were installed in the music room. Wooden steps were installed leading from the shop area to the south side entrance. The gymnasium floor was refinished and lines repainted. The windows in the building were washed and floors cleaned and waxed. A fence was erected between the school district property and that of the abutters. Basketball backboards were erected on the playground area.

Holden School

The basement floors were given a coat of colored seal. The stair-wells were painted. The platform was removed from the old auditorium-room to allow better use as a classroom. The walls of the same room were painted. All floors were sealed and waxed and windows washed. Some desk-tops were refinished.

Stucco School

Except for sealing and waxing the floors and painting the porch floor and steps, it was necessary to do very little to this

building. Playground equipment was repaired, the boiler and stack cleaned and the roof checked.

Farwell School

Basement floors were painted and the classroom floors sealed and waxed. A few desk-tops were refinished.

Needs

Continued improvement of physical plants, equipment and play areas should be major goals. To affect accomplishment, I recommend the following:

1. Appointment of committees to study housing needs, acquisition of land for playgrounds—especially a baseball field, renovation of existing buildings.
2. Additional backboards in the gymnasium.
3. Expansion of the sectional bandstand to accommodate more musicians.
4. Completion of resurfacing of the playground area at the high school and Holden school.
5. Installation of a sound-proof ceiling in the music-room at the high school.
6. Exchange of the district-owned bus for a larger and newer one.
7. A larger freezer for the cafeteria.
8. Additional shop equipment such as a surface planer, jointer, router, wood lathe and auto mechanic tools.
9. Installation of sound system equipment at the high school.
10. Installation of additional lockers for the physical education program.
11. Installation of drip slabs and more asphalt walks at the high school.

In this supervisory union, there is a school building program under way in Cornish for completion in August. Goshen and Lempster are working on plans for a new cooperative district and consolidated school. Unity is presenting a building proposal to its voters in March which would consolidate its present schools and provide for pupils now educated in the Claremont system.

Croydon, which will become a part of the Newport Supervisory Union on July 1, is likewise acquainting its citizens with the school housing situation.

These building programs usurp many hours of the superintendent's time. Your patience and understanding is appreciated not only by me, but by the citizens of the neighboring towns. If these consolidations are affected, it will make it possible for a superintendent of this union to more fully discharge his primary duty—i. e. improvement of the education of boys and girls.

I wish to thank the members of the professional staff for their willingness to assume many responsibilities. Your continued efforts to improve your teaching and your willingness to further your education through workshops, summer school and extension courses, is to be commended. I would especially commend Mr. Streeter and Mr. Gould for their administration of the elementary and secondary schools.

The assistance and support of the members of the school board in determining program, policy and approval of staff selection is sincerely appreciated. The cooperation and understanding of all citizens is needed to help our children.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. MEACHAM,
Superintendent

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Charlestown graduated its largest class last year with thirty-six members. A breakdown of the class shows the following percentages engaged in various activities: college and advanced schooling, 30%; home-making, 8%; industry, 14%; clerical and office work, 40%; armed services, 8%.

Two of the graduates won General Electric scholarships in competitive examinations with students from all over the eastern United States.

In addition to the regular curricula Driver Training, Spanish and Art are being offered this year. Many more students have signed up for Driver Training than can be accommodated. One group will complete the course by February 1 and another will start. Preference has been given to juniors and seniors and, by the end of the school year, approximately thirty students will have completed the course.

Art has been enthusiastically received this year, although many years of consistent teaching through the grades will be necessary before the real benefit of the program can be realized. It is hoped that more time may be available in the high school by another year.

New report cards were adopted this year as a result of efforts by parents and teachers to develop a card which would give greater satisfaction to more parents. A survey was made of all the marking systems in the State and this information made available for the study. Cards are now issued six times a year and special reports are sent home at the end of the third week in the interim.

The Hunter Safety program, the object of which is to develop correct skills in the use of firearms, has had excellent response from both boys and girls. The State of New Hampshire is one of the first to start such a program, and our school is one of the first to offer it. We are most fortunate in having a very well qualified and interested teacher to promote it.

Our publications, the Chatterbox and the Blue and Gold, have made great strides in making more interesting and worthwhile productions this past year.

One of the Student Council projects for this year is the installation of a sound system for the auditorium which, in future years, may become a part of a communication system for the entire building.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, cafeteria staff, custodian, office workers, student council and monitors for their constant cooperation and interest in making our school run efficiently.

To Superintendent Meacham and the school board, I wish to express my appreciation for their continued support and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO R. STREETER,

Principal

HOLDEN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In order for children to learn, they must live in relatively happy surroundings. It is quite impossible to punish a child into learning or to shame him into doing his best. No school operates without punishment; however, it must be used with care and an eye to the results that it might produce. A well planned program which keeps the pupils busy in work that is capable of challenging them, usually will accomplish more desired results. It is in this light that the teachers of Holden School have presented all subjects to their respective classes.

We are convinced that there is a need to enlarge and organize activities on the playground through a physical education program. Children love to play games and they will do so every opportunity they have. When they are playing games, they are not tearing each other's clothing, knocking each other down, or fighting with each other. Information has been collected and I am working on a program to help children organize themselves into small groups so that many games may be played on the Common at one time.

Mr. Harold Woodward, of Claremont, N. H., joined us last fall to teach the fifth grade. To enlarge our art program, Mrs. Harold Wetherell became a part-time member of our staff.

I wish to thank the Mothers' Club and the Charlestown Rotary for helping us sponsor Mr. Henry Neugebauer who gave us an illustrated lecture on Peru last spring. The Mothers' Club supplied us with enough material to have curtains made for the library. Mrs. Thelma Hause and the Home Economics Department of the high school did a fine job in making the curtains which enables us to darken that room for motion pictures. I wish to thank the Unitarian Couples Club for entertaining the sixth grade with a square dance social each spring.

I wish to thank all the staff of Holden School for their co-operation. I am particularly indebted to the teachers for constantly maintaining an atmosphere of cheerfulness, tolerance and understanding. Leadership and support from Mr. Ralph Meacham and the school board members are deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
ELMER C. GOULD,
Principal

Pupil Statistics - 1953-54													
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Stucco building	59												59
Holden School		57	42	42	58	42							241
Farwell School	7	7	8	12	9	10							53
Jr.-Sr. High							44	48	27	31	18	20	188
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Totals	66	64	50	54	67	52	44	48	27	31	18	20	541

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Good health has been defined as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and the foundation of joyous, zestful living." This is the goal for which we are striving in our school health program.

Our school health program is carried out through the cooperation of the state, the local administrative staff of the schools, the teaching personnel, the parents, the pupils and the school nurse.

Our first concern is for the physical well-being of our children. The child who has some physical defect, no matter how minor, and is not given the benefit of needed medical care, certainly cannot be the happy child we would like him to be.

Routine inspections which are conducted in every school by your school nurse serve as a screening. These inspections consist of heights, weights, general condition, appearance, vision and hearing tests. If any defect is observed, a notice is sent home to the parents of the child. These notices in no way serve a diagnostic purpose. Your school nurse reports symptoms only. A reply to the notice, by the parents, is most desirable. If no reply is made, or if the parents request the nurse's assistance, she in turn makes a home visit to determine how she may best assist the parents in obtaining care for the child.

Many organization — federal, state, and local service organizations—stand ready to help in providing the necessary care for our children. If financial assistance is needed for eye care, service organizations such as the Rotary and Lions Club are very generous and helpful. The Sight Conservation Program, which is sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare, is also available. Our same service organizations are also very interested in our hearing difficulties. There again, state assistance is available through the Crippled Children's Services. If the loss of hearing is due to a congenital abnormality which may be corrected, Crippled Children's Services will authorize treatment. Funds for hearing aids are not available through this service. We are dependent upon the N. H. Hearing Society, welfare agencies and service organizations for assistance in the purchase of hearing aids.

In the case of the retarded child or the child who has great difficulty in adjusting himself to school and his environment, the Child Guidance Clinic, under Dr. Philbrick, is available as a diagnostic clinic.

These are only a few of the many agencies which stand ready to assist our children whenever the need arises. They assume a share in the responsibility of keeping our children healthy, happy and well-adjusted.

The cooperation of each one of us is the important factor in the success of our health program.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each one of you for your interest and your help in carrying out this important program.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE MACIVER,
School Nurse

CHARLESTOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET

Expenditures	Actual Exp'tures 1952-53	Estimated Exp'tures 1953-54	Proposed Budget 1954-55
Administration:			
Sal. of dist. officers	\$ 455.00	\$ 463.00	\$ 465.00
Supt.'s sal. (local share)	1,197.88	1,102.50	1,519.00
Tax for state wide supervision	1,072.00	1,098.00	1,114.00
Sal. of other admin. personnel	700.00	828.75	953.00
Supplies and expenses	1,272.52	1,235.00	1,175.00
Instruction:			
Teachers' sal., high	20,311.67	17,735.00	23,313.00
Teachers' sal., elementary	43,575.52	53,215.00	55,687.00
Books & other inst. aids, high	704.21	380.00	500.00
Books & other inst. aids, elem.	602.18	970.00	1,000.00
Scholars' supplies, high	1,152.71	750.00	1,000.00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	1,482.81	1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies & other exp., high	465.31	500.00	600.00
Supplies & other exp., elem.	691.23	500.00	600.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Sal. of janitors, high	1,838.63	1,650.00	2,000.00
Sal. of janitors, elem.	3,486.43	4,350.00	4,400.00
Fuel or heat, high	1,572.64	1,700.00	2,000.00
Fuel or heat, elem.	2,534.34	2,700.00	3,000.00
Water, light, sup. & exp., high	1,534.12	1,210.00	1,300.00
Water, light, sup. & exp., elem.	1,370.86	1,315.00	1,600.00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs & replacements high	530.29	1,400.00	1,000.00
Repairs & replacements, elem.	2,277.25	1,600.00	1,320.00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision, high	125.00	200.00	215.00
Health supervision, elem.	1,243.47	1,450.00	1,500.00
Transportation, high	1,316.79	1,800.00	2,000.00
Transportation, elem.	5,475.48	7,200.00	8,500.00
Spec. act. & spec. funds, high	97.11	250.00	250.00
Spec. act. & spec. funds, elem.	291.33	350.00	250.00
School lunch	2,152.52		
Fixed Charges:			
Teachers' retirement, high	884.34	1,615.90	1,800.00
Teachers' retirement, elem.	2,653.02	3,231.82	3,611.10
Ins., treas. bond & exp., high	312.47	625.00	800.00
Ins., treas. bond & exp., elem.	937.51	840.00	900.00

Capital Outlay:			
Lands & new buildings	1,525.77		350.00
Additions & improvements	39.65	1,100.00	
New equipment	2,941.65	800.00	2,565.00
Debt and Interest:			
Principal of debt	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Interest on debt	3,979.50	3,748.50	3,517.50
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Total Expenditures or School Approp.	\$123,803.21	\$130,413.47	\$143,304.60
Balance (actual or estimated)	31.25		

	Actual Receipts 1952-53	Estimated Receipts 1953-54	Estimated Receipts 1954-55
Receipts			
Bal. (actual or estimated)	\$ 135.43	\$ 31.25	
State aid	16,575.29	29,745.52	\$ 25,793.86
Federal aid	391.22	250.00	250.00
Trust funds	18.11	15.00	
Tuition	1,075.00	1,075.00	860.00
School lunch	1,993.70		
Other	259.00	800.00	800.00
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Total Receipts Other Than Property Taxes	\$ 20,447.75	\$ 31,916.77	\$ 27,703.86
District assessment	103,386.71	97,375.33	115,600.74
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Total appropriation	\$123,834.46	\$129,292.10	\$143,304.60

Superintendent's Salary, 1952-53

Acworth	\$ 186 33
Charlestown	1197 88
Cornish	505 77
Croydon	159 72
Goshen	133 10
Langdon	133 10
Lempster	133 10
Unity	212 95
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	\$2661 95
State share	2275 00
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	\$4936 95

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Cash on hand July 1, 1952	\$ 135 43
Received from Selectmen, current appropriation	\$103386 71
Received from State Treasurer	
State funds	16575 29
Federal funds	2384 92
Received from tuitions	1075 00
Received as income from trust funds	18 11
Received from all other sources	1769 15
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Total receipts	\$125209 18
Total amount available for fiscal year	\$125344 61
Less school board orders paid	125313 36
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Balance on hand June 30, 1953	\$ 31 25

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Charlestown, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

CHARLES F. ELLIOTT

WALTER D. O'HEARNE

Auditors

July 13, 1953.

SCHOOL WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Charlestown qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the thirteenth day of March, 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund, together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to appropriate receipts from federal lunch reimbursements, tuition, gifts and any other receipts from miscellaneous sources, in addition to the original appropriation for 1954-55, for the lunch program, general expenses, equipment and improvements. ...
10. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for surfacing the playground area at the rear of the high school building.
11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money as a contingency fund to provide for unanticipated expenses for the school year 1954-55.
12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Births Registered in the Town of Charlestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Richard Alan Fisk	1	Edwin Eugene Fisk	Mary Jean Barbara Konesko
10	Springfield, Vt.	Michael Leonard Wilson	1	Leonard Bertram Wilson	Norma Louise Snide
18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Kathleen Ann Nelson	1	Harry Eugene Nelson	Helen Ann Pearson
19	Claremont, N. H.	Carol Ann Benware	3	Haskell Jay Benware	Sarah Kathleen Osgood
21	Claremont, N. H.	Richard Paul St. Pierre	8	Paul Emile St. Pierre	Rolande Fernande Ferland
Feb. 2	Bellows Falls, Vt.	John Frank Gysels	3	August Frank Gysels	Adele DeReuse
7	Claremont, N. H.	David Joseph Bruno	3	Ernest Joseph Bruno	Madelyn Agnes Rowe
9	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Sylvia Marie Fuller	5	Raymond Norman Fuller	Evelyn Augusta Smith
18	Springfield, Vt.	Shirley Ann Richardson	4	George Donald Richardson	Dorothy Lillian Putnam
19	Springfield, Vt.	Joan Danelle Wetherby	4	Gordon Milton Wetherby	Louise Audrey Demar
Mar. 6	Springfield Vt.	Clarence James Smith, Jr.	3	Clarence James Smith	Minnie Ellen Fusco
11	Springfield, Vt.	Gary Dean Colburn	15	Hugh W. Colburn	Clara Edith DeCell
16	Springfield, Vt.	Steven Paul Farmer	1	Russell Johnson Farmer	Joan Elise Hendrickson
16	Springfield, Vt.	James Wallace Bascom	5	Horace Nelson Bascom	Marion Louise Hutchins
21	Springfield, Vt.	Thomas Alton Munsey	2	Maurice Eugene Munsey	Gloria Inez Roberts
25	Springfield, Vt.	Michael Stephen Kinson	3	Robert David Kinson	Jean Elizabeth Olson
25	Springfield, Vt.	Barbara Jean Blodgett	3	Harold Louis Blodgett	Doris Goodell Blodgett
Apr. 2	Springfield, Vt.	Judy May Bent	2	Ernest Helford Bent	Doris Evelyn Colburn
3	Claremont, N. H.	Gary Merton Bascom	1	Merton Henry Bascom	Beverly Ruth Chase
4	Claremont, N. H.	Paul William Roy	6	William Clifford Roy	Louise Virginia Blanchard
6	Claremont, N. H.	Scott Wallace Atwood	3	Wallace Kimball Atwood	Phyllis Evelyn Bent
13	Claremont, N. H.	Janis Elaine Stone	4	Chester Sias Stone	Ruth Agnes Tierney
23	Springfield, Vt.	Wendy Susan Brown	1	Kenneth Brown	Priscilla Janet Gurney
May 24	Springfield, Vt.	Alan George Smith	5	George Henry Smith	Ruth Lora Bailey
June 8	Hanover, N. H.	Wendy Ann Walton	1	Reginald James Walton	Hilda Jean Brown
11	Springfield, Vt.	Ilene Marie Davis	1	George William Davis	Lorraine Eunice Quimby
23	Springfield, Vt.	Barbara Jean Hughes	1	Robert Curtis Hughes	Mildred Lois Sweet
24	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Cheryl Mary Fish	1	Frank Douglas Fish	Viola Rachel Olson

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
27 July	Springfield, Vt.	Hiedi Ann Sylvester	2	Gilman Henry Sylvester	Ruby Lee Key
2	Claremont, N. H.	James Edward Dayringer	3	Leon Earl Dayringer	Joanne Bowman
4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Mary Lou Blake	1	Gilbert Leonard Blake	Nancy Ann Dulac
4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	William Michael Lake	4	Henry Frederick Lake	Justine Simmons
8	Springfield, Vt.	Charles William Wright	4	Edward Warren Wright	Esther Wright Wright
9	Springfield, Vt.	Dean Lawrence Fisher	3	Abial Stillman Fisher	Marian Louise Koppelman
24	Keene, N. H.	Daniel Dwight Haynes	1	Philip Dwight Haynes	Barbara Christine Bliss
Aug. 1	Springfield, Vt.	Teresa Margaret Blair	1	Joseph Edward Blair	Christine Rose Sparks
1	Springfield, Vt.	Allan Tripp Wilson	1	Edward Dale Wilson	Marjory Myra Tripp
17	Springfield, Vt.	Hugh Michael Edgar	3	Hugh Thomas Edgar	Marilyn Gertrude McLean
28	Claremont, N. H.	Michael Allen Holbrook	5	Theodore Whipple Holbrook	Virginia May Baker
Sept. 2	Springfield, Vt.	Melenie Ann MacCormack	3	Alexander A. MacCormack	Eleanore M. Abbott
9	Springfield, Vt.	Douglas Day Carter	4	David Lloyd Carter	Hazel Louise Morrow
16	Springfield, Vt.	David Paul Jones	4	Charles R. Jones	Viola B. Bartlett
18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Timothy Charles Hanson	8	Herbert Charles Hanson	Eda Pauline Davis
19	Springfield, Vt.	Jean Margaret Putnam	2	Fred Morris Putnam	Rosemary Elizabeth Szuch
24	Springfield, Vt.	Deborah Louise York	1	William Gustav York	Audrey Louise Marden
25	Bellows Falls Vt.	Dennis Harry Embair	3	George Francis Embair	Joyce Ann Chartier
Oct. 26	Springfield, Vt.	Doreen Ethel Shand	3	Eric Rufus Shand	Helen Martha Reil
31	Springfield, Vt.	Sharon Lynn Emerzian	3	Arthur B. Emerzian	Betty Ann Shannon
Nov. 1	Springfield, Vt.	Robin Moore	3	Kenneth William Moore	Virginia Rose Mullett
18	Claremont, N. H.	David Bruce Richardson	2	Carl Woodbury Richardson	Anne Valerie Provencher
27	Newport, N. H.	Robert Benton Walker	1	Theodore Robert Walker	Nancy Louise Clark
28	Claremont, N. H.	Donald Douglas Bigelow	5	Chester Row Bigelow	Mabel Una Osgood
Dec. 14	Claremont, N. H.	John Allen Haynes	2	David Allen Haynes	Nellie Louise Clark
17	Springfield, Vt.	Susan Marie Farman	4	Miller Trumpass Farman	Pearl Edith Stevens
18	Springfield, Vt.	Pamela Susan Collins	2	George P. Collins	Arlene Joyce Davidson
30	Claremont, N. H.	Robert Normand Beaudry	1	Gerard Louis Beaudry	Ethel May Gibson

Marriages Registered in the Town of Charlestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Marriage	Age	Residence of Each
Jan. 2	Gregory Phillip Barrett	Charlestown, N. H.	27	Springfield, Vt.
	Betty Jean Page		22	Springfield, Vt.
3	John Anthony LaDouceur	Charlestown, N. H.	34	Grand Forks, N. D.
	Ethel Marie Schmidt		37	Charlestown, N. H.
12	James Childs Mabry	Charlestown, N. H.	45	Manchester Depot, Vt.
	Jane Pearce Howard		28	Manchester Depot, Vt.
31	Judson Ellsworth Hopla	Charlestown, N. H.	43	Charlestown, N. H.
	Mary Kliorikaitis		48	Granby, Conn.
Feb. 20	Malcolm Carl Royce	Charlestown, N. H.	19	Charlestown, N. H.
	Beverly Ann Barber		18	Charlestown, N. H.
Apr. 4	Melvin Marshall Wilson	Charlestown, N. H.	26	South Charlestown, N. H.
	Sylvia May Nash		19	South Charlestown, N. H.
12	Richard Harry Corrette	Moultonsville, N. H.	27	Holden, Mass.
	Joan Ethel Shepard		26	Charlestown, N. H.
18	Francis John Molaski	Bellows Falls, Vt.	32	North Walpole, N. H.
	Bertha Ruth Horton		22	Charlestown, N. H.
May 2	Theodore Robert Walker	Newport, N. H.	25	Charlestown, N. H.
	Nancy Louise Pelkey		19	Claremont, N. H.
16	Raymond Leo Schmidt	Newport, N. H.	39	Charlestown, N. H.
	Freda Irene Manosh		59	Claremont, N. H.

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Marriage	Age	Residence of Each
June 11	Harold Willmont Small Loy Tester	Charlestown, N. H.	34 35	Charlestown, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
14	James George Rutherford Cynthia Ann Whitehouse	Charlestown, N. H.	23 15	Charlestown, N. H. Bradford, N. H.
20	David Steve Bechok Priscilla Abbie Osborne	Pittsfield, N. H.	22 21	Charlestown, N. H. Pittsfield, N. H.
25	Charles Marion Higgins, Jr. Dorothy Jean Ives	Charlestown, N. H.	23 20	Hartford, Conn. Danvers, Mass.
27	Jesse Horace Bacon Doris Fay Chamberlain	Charlestown, N. H.	23 18	Charlestown, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
July 4	Paul Robert Schofield Barbara Theresa Ammon	Charlestown, N. H.	17 19	Charlestown, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
Aug. 1	Joseph Henry Turgeon Rena Marie Follansbee	Tilton, N. H.	20 18	Charlestown, N. H. Newport, N. H.
1	Charles Ernest Frohock Barbara Eda Valentine	Keene, N. H.	18 17	Charlestown, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
1	Francis Louis Russell Joan Elizabeth Colburn	Charlestown, N. H.	17 16	Newport, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
8	John Harrison Cahalane Nan Bourne Plamondon	Enfield, N. H.	35 25	Charlestown, N. H. Enfield, N. H.

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Marriage	Age	Residence of Each
Sept. 1	William Elbridge Barnett Alta Mary Brown	North Charlestown, N. H.	25	South Charlestown, N. H.
12	Robert Murray Crosby	Charlestown, N. H.	21	South Charlestown, N. H.
	Evelyn Marion Martel		21	Bellows Falls, Vt.
19	John Prescott Rutherford	Claremont, N. H.	18	Charlestown, N. H.
	Gladys Ruth Champney		22	Charlestown, N. H.
27	Albert Elmer French	Charlestown, N. H.	20	Claremont, N. H.
	Jane Lee Burney		28	Cambridgeport, Vt.
Oct. 13	Arthur G. Cilley	Charlestown, N. H.	18	Charlestown, N. H.
	Rosabelle Johnson		18	Charlestown, N. H.
16	Lewis Oscar Pratt	Charlestown, N. H.	20	Windsor, Vt.
	Harriett Eleanor Smith		19	Alstead, N. H.
Dec. 4	Kurt Howard Foshey	Charlestown, N. H.	17	Charlestown, N. H.
	Thelma Jean Bradish		16	Charlestown, N. H.
12	Eraldo Spinello	Charlestown, N. H.	38	Springfield, Vt.
	Georgia Thornton		34	Springfield, Vt.
31	George Alfred Benware	Newport, N. H.	27	Charlestown, N. H.
	Madeline Elaine Hall		30	Charlestown, N. H.
5	Robert William Burns	Bellows Falls, Vt.	26	Charlestown, N. H.
	Jean Ann Brennan		25	Bellows Falls, Vt.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Charlestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Age	Birthplace
Jan. 3	William L. Deslaurier	Charlestown, N. H.	63	New Hampshire
17	Bert Cross	Unity, N. H.	80	Minnesota
22	Ida Gowey Cross	Unity, N. H.	83	Vermont
Feb. 12	Theodore Bissonnette	No. Charlestown, N. H.	71	Province, Quebec
16	John D. Davis	Hanover, N. H.	59	New Hampshire
16	Baby Girl Murphy	Claremont, N. H.	2 hrs.	New Hampshire
Mar. 15	William Dunmore	Unity, N. H.	83	New Hampshire
Apr. 3	Frank E. McCahill	Charlestown, N. H.	73	New York
30	Preston S. Shaw	Hanover, N. H.	32	New Hampshire
May 10	Emma Hart	Unity, N. H.	65	New York
22	Simon P. Mercier	Charlestown, N. H.	82	Vermont
June 2	Leslie Slayton Streeter	Charlestown, N. H.	42	Vermont
4	Stella A. Huntley	Charlestown, N. H.	83	New Hampshire
8	Irene B. Dupre	Bellows Falls, Vt.	26	Vermont
13	Edward Holden	Concord, N. H.	63	Massachusetts
14	Gertrude Standfield	Unity, N. H.	72	England
July 17	Franklyn Baron Stow	Charlestown, N. H.	80	Massachusetts
29	David Day	Bellows Falls, Vt.	—	Vermont
Oct. 9	Oscar C. Young	Charlestown, N. H.	84	New Hampshire
20	Burton E. Adams	Springfield, Vt.	81	New York
Nov. 29	John V. Kazmierczak	Charlestown, N. H.	25	New Hampshire
29	Ida May Preston	Springfield, Vt.	74	Vermont
Dec. 6	Earl Daniel Baker	Charlestown, N. H.	76	New Hampshire
7	Olin Stearns	Hanover, N. H.	79	New Hampshire
20	Ernest P. Bemis	Claremont, N. H.	62	Vermont

I hereby certify that the above returns of births, marriages and deaths are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS, Town Clerk

